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eisure centre in line for £520,000 revamp



Chase Leisure Centre in Cannock

CHASE Leisure Centre is set to undergo a half a million pound revamp which will see the gym refurbished and a cinema-inspired indoor cycling studio installed on a bowling green.

But the project is a downgrade of

schemes with an estimated cost of up to £2.4 million, which propose ideas such as building a crazy golf course

by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles (IHL) which runs leisure facilities on behalf of Cannock Chase Council.

The authority is having to review the 10-year contract amid wider savings targets of £1.6m needed by 2019-20. The council had already demanded the firm slash its 'operational budget' by £70,000 a year.

It has also told the provider to

or indoor climbing facilities.

The proposal has been submitted

It has also told the provider to make savings of £650,000 in its 'cap-

ital investment' proposal for the centre. IHL has put four options forward to redevelop the centre, in Stafford to redevelop the centre, in Statiora Road, Cannock, which will go before the council's cabinet today (Thurs-day). The preferred option – the sec-ond cheapest – is to invest £521,981. It will see the gym refurbished, 'virtual fitness' facilities introduced to the main studie and the bowling

to the main studio and the bowling green converted into a cycling studio

which involves riding on mounted bikes in front of a large cinema screen showing futuristic settings.

The loss of the green would be compensated by bowling mats provided in the sports hall. It is estimated the council will save £902 987 on the plans. A council spokesman said: "This option which creates a high quality and unique fitness experience delivers the savings required."

HEALTH

Bosses blame flu for long hospital queues

HOSPITAL bosses have blamed an out-

HOSPITAL bosses have blamed an outbreak of flu for causing long queues of patients left on trolleys in corridors.

The University Hospitals of NHS Trust, which runs County Hospital in Stafford and Royal Stoke stated they had admitted 417 patients with flu since November 1. About a quarter of those are still being cared for at the two sites. The trust says the rate of new

flu patients is currently 20 a day.

A trust spokesman said the increase in patients, along with the numbers waiting in the hospital longer than a week to be dis-charged, is having a 'clear impact'.

PITMEN

Developer's plea on parking at stadium

HEDNESFORD Town FC's staff and supporters will be urged not to drive to Keys Park on match days despite plans

reys Park of match days despite plans to expand the club's car park.

Taylor Wimpey, which wants to build 119 homes next to the ground, has also proposed that a 'Travel Plan Coordinator' be hired to encourage the use of 'sustainable modes of travel as an alternative to the private car'.

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ELL T E' C

BY CARL JACKSON

TRIBUTES have been paid to the founder of one of the region's most popular nightclubs - known to be a favourite haunt of former Wolves stars - who has died.

Alan Murray opened Snoopy's in Cannock in 1972, the venue now called Silks. But following a battle with terminal cancer he passed away at New Cross Hospital on Friday, aged 70.

Silks stands as its own testament to Mr Murray and is thought to be the longest running independent nightclub in the UK. It hosted the likes of the Bay City Rollers and in the 1970s and 1980s was the go-to place for

Wolverhampton Wanderers players such as the likes of Andy Gray, Emlyn Hughes, Phil Parkes and Willie Carr.

Incredible

It was also said to have welcomed some of

It was also said to have welcomed some of Cannock's famous faces including Stan Collymore and town rocker Glenn Hughes.

In later years, Mr Murray saw his sons Martin and Scott follow in his footsteps, Martin taking on Silks and Scott starting his own mecca to sporting stars with Bar Sport and its Premier Suite Lounge.

Ten years ago, he bought his own boat and went sailing around the world with his wife

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Mary.
Scott Murray said: "He was one of life's char-

acters.
"He was full of life. He told people how it was, and what he thought of them and would often upset them, but he was a stand-up guy.
"He lived life to the full in every which way



Alan and Mary running Silks in its prime



Alan Murray celebrating 40 years at Silks in 2012

Reflecting on his legacy, Scott added: "He created a nightclub that has been going almost five decades, which is incredible in the nightclub business

"It is officially the longest running independent nightclub in the whole of the UK, owned by one person and never been moved or burnt

"He was very much an entrepreneur. He opened Silks in 1972 and at the time he had all

the major acts such as the Bay City Rollers and a lot of the big names in the 70s.

"All of the Wolves players used to drink in Silks – it was famous for it. He was good friends with Andy Gray.
"My dad was Scottish, like Andy, and was

very proud of it.

"He was also very good friends with Glenn Hughes, who used to perform there as well. "I got my inspiration from my dad. When I

was a kid, I grew up in the nightclub business and learned how to run the business. I went into sports but it gave me the inspiration to open up Bar Sport and to do what we do."

Scott confirmed that Martin was planning a tribute night at Silks in memory of their father. The club posted on Facebook on Friday: "It

is with great sadness that we are to say Alan Murray passed away this morning peacefully in his sleep. 1947 - 2018".

POLICE Crime falls to its monthly lowest

CRIME figures in the Cannock Chase district fell to the lowest rate of the year in December

Police say there were 496 reported of-fences during the month, which was the only one in 2017 to see fewer than 500 incidents

Incidents categorised as 'other violence against the person' was the most common complaint, accounting for a total of 121

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Thousands to enjoy literature festival



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Slade drummer Don Powell

pour into the heart of Wolverhampton when its literature festival bursts into life tomorrow (Friday).

Almost 100 acts will help bring an

Almost 100 acts will neep bring an eclectic mix of music, art, theatre and comedy to the city.

Festival organiser Phil Turner said the team behind the event hope visitor numbers will top last year's 3,000.

He added: "Last year, and this year, it besienly havened on the scelicial."

it basically happened on the goodwill and the talents of people. "Every single act was local but this year we have spread it a little bit fur-

events at venues across the city in-cluding Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Newhampton Arts Centre, The Slade Rooms, Bantock House and The Grand Theatre. Workshops, theatrical performances and debates, as well as events for children including storytelling, have been included on the line-up.

Writer and journalist Will Self will headline the celebrations, which will support the state of the stat

run until Sunday. Slade drummer Don Powell, Magnum keyboardist Mark Stanway, Only Fools and Horses actor John Challis and au-

thor Lynsey Hanley will also feature. The 'Great Big Children's Story Time' event will see families enjoy storytelling at Wolverhampton's 16 libraries simultaneously from 11.30am on Saturday. Mr Turner said: "The festival keeps the city and the venues quite vibrant because there is so much going on – and that's the way it should be." Wolverhampton City Council's libraries services won £13,250 of funding from the Arts Council's Grants for Arts programme to help grow this year's fee-

programme to help grow this year's festival, which is supported by the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star.

Police name woman after body found in woodland

THE body of a woman who had been missing for nearly a week has been

Staffordshire Police were called to Johnson Woods, near Johnson Road in Cannock, at around 11.45am on Saturday. The force has

now confirmed that they discovered the body of 57-year-old Sandra Hollowood.

They said there were no suspicious circumstances and a report has been sent to the coro-

ner's office.

A police statement said: "Sandra's family have been informed and are being offered the services of specialist officers dur-

ing this difficult time. Our thoughts and condolences are with them.

"We do not believe there are any sus-

picious circumstances behind the death and a report has been prepared for HM

Ms Hollowood was last seen leaving an address in Stone Road, Stafford, at 5.50pm on Monday, January 15.

It is thought she boarded the number 74 bus heading towards Cannock.

Tax increase bid

to pay for police

RESIDENTS are to be asked to pay more towards policing in Staffordshire, the county Police and Crime Commis-sioner (PCC) has confirmed. Matthew Ellis is seeking to increase

Matthew Enis is seeking to increase average Band D council tax bills for policing by 95p a month from April.

"My strong instinct has always been not to raise taxes," he said.

"However, crime is evolving and be-

What's the score? Probe into future of sports

a blueprint for the provision of sports facilities in the Cannock Chase district.

The district council says it is looking for 'clear direction' to ensure that there are adequate indoor and outdoor

sports facilities now and in the future. It is hoped that the end result will be a strategy which supports the council's mission to enable residents to become more

tive and healthier.

A Manchester-based management consultancy, Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP), has been appointed after the council went out to tender in September to 'engage the services of a company with proven experience of refreshing indoor and outdoor sports facilities and playing field

The council says that to conform with best practice, assessment of pitches and outdoor sports facilities takes place on a 'sports seasonal' basis.

Important

Consequently, the strategy will evolve over 'quite a lengthy period of time' and it is anticipated that the strategy will be completed in mid-2019.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, portfolio

Councillor Christine Mittenell, portionlo leader for culture and sport, said: "The strategy for Cannock Chase was developed in 2010 so is in need of updating.
"I welcome the appointment of KKP. The work that they will undertake is extremely important for residents in the district to ensure they have access to the very best facilities we can provide."

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Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "I am pleased that KKP has been appointed to develop the sports strategy for Cannock Chase. The information from this strategy will feed directly into the production of the Local Plan."

KKP director Clare Medicad said: "KKP

KKP director Clare MacLeod said: "KKP is very pleased to have been appointed to deliver this vital assignment."

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Rita's view of the world in vivid colour



Museum manager Nicola Bannister with some of Rita Banks's artwork

RECORD-BREAKING marathon runner Rita Banks is giving people the chance to see the world as she sees it, in vibrant colour, through an

exhibition of her paintings.

The artist's work is now on show at the Museum of Cannock Chase. It features

semi-abstract landscape and floral paintings by Rita, aged 74, of Stone.
She specialises in her use

of bright and varied colour, and the exhibition, called Enjoyment of Colour, is on until February 23.

Rita has been painting

since she was a child, when she first realised her fascina-tion with colour.

She also has a passion for running and broke the world record for the number of marathons run in a year by completing 52 in 1989 when



Rita Banks

"It's made the job of investigating, and the job of policing generally, more and the Job of pointing generally, more time consuming and more costly." The Police and Crime Panel for Staffordshire will examine and question Mr Ellis on his proposals on Monday, January 29. It can be viewed live at https://

staffordshire.public-i.tv/core/portal

Charity quiz night

A CHARITY quiz in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust will be held in Walsall. The event is being staged by Wolverhampton Law Society and Walsall Law Associa-tion at the Village Hotel on March 20. The entry fee for a team of four is £65 with entries closing on February 28







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Section 40 supporters 'want to kill local press'

POLITICIANS who vote in favour of tighter media regulations are guilty of attempting to kill off the local press, South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson has said.

The Defence Secretary gave the warning after the House of Lords warming after the House of Lottes voted in favour of proceeding with part two of the Leveson Inquiry into press standards. If enacted, legislation under Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 would require newspapers not signed up to an approved regulator to pay their own and their opponents' legal costs in libel cases.

The only regulator recognised by the Press Recognition Panel (PRP) is Max Mosley's Impress, which has signed up fewer than 100 publications – most of them small news websites and accompanying print editions.

Mr Williamson said: "All Section 40 is going to do is destroy the local press and take away a local voice for

so many people around the country."

Theresa May has said the legislation 'would undermine high-quality journalism and a free press' but La-bour's deputy leader Tom Watson, the MP for West Bromwich East, has accused the Prime Minister of aban-doning 'all the promises made to vic-tims after the hacking scandal was

Leveson 2 would look into the relationship between the media and the

Half-term fun for youngsters

BURNTWOOD Leisure Centre will be running a number of active courses including dance and gymnastics, one-to-one swimming lessons and trampo-line coaching during half-term.

In the lead-up to the holiday week, which runs February 19-23, Lichfield District Council is promoting an on-line calendar that as well as Burnt-wood lists activities at Friary Grange Leisure Centre and Beacon Park.

Chris Cook, head of leisure at the council, said: "It's really important to keep children energised over the school break, and taking part in a sporty course, craft activity or fun swimming session, is a great way to keep them active and engaged." For full details go to www.activelichfield.

New trust chief

A NEW chairman has been appointed at Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. Harry Turner, vice-chair of Dudley and Wal-sall NHS Trust, will take over the top iob from February 1.

Models aim for floating catwalk record



Chloe Avon - finally has approval

ing catwalk.

More than 30 professional models

will take to the catwalk on the River Severn this spring in the event organised by Dream Street Models.

The event has gained support from five announced celebrities from the TV Show Britain & Ireland's Next Top Model such as Sophia Chawki, Georgia Mason-Mottram, Tasmin Hough, Martha Valerie and Eleanor Sippings, all of whom will be in at-

A MODEL AGENCY is hoping to set a
Guinness World Record with its next
fashion event – for the longest floating catwalk.

More then 30 professional models

Were then 20 professional models

the UK's longest river at 220 miles. The event is to take place on May 20 starting at 2pm in Stourport, running until 4pm, and will showcase designs

until 4pm, and will showcase designs from all over the UK from high street to couture fashion.

Dream Street Models founder Chloe Avon said: "After 28 weeks of waiting the agency finally got the approval from the Guinness Book of Records this week." The idea for the

last premier fashion show held at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge in Rugeley in September which saw X Factor's Chloe Jasmine walk the runway along with other professional models for the first time at one of the largest reindeer lodges outside of Scandinavia. Eleanor

Sippings also attended the event. Formerly based in Walsall, Dream Street Models can now be found at the Hilton Hall Business Centre in Hilton

Lane.

More information can be found via

Her new song, Let Me Down, has so far garnered 17,000 likes on YouTube, with a total of more than 225,000 views since it was uploaded. views since it was uploaded. The video was reportedly filmed in Kiev. In the NME Top 100 article, Jorja is described as having 'velvet smooth' vocals and is recommended for Amy Winehouse and Sampha fans. **Show's Forbidden**

in 2018

stunts and dance A THEATRE show said to combine 'finely honed physiques with superlative circus and acrobatic skills' is on its way to Cannock.

WALSALL singer Jorja Smith has released a new song featuring grime star Stormzy – and the video is now trending number one on YouTube.

The 20-year-old was also featured in the Top 100 in NME magazine, which lists the rising stars set to make it big

Forbidden Nights showcases stunt-orientated routines and chore-ography and will be at the Prince of Wales Theatre on February 8.

"This will be an evening to remember with thrills, fantasy and forbidden thoughts at every turn," a spokesman for the show said.

"Forbidden Nights is a full theatre formers and variety acts.

'Connectors' plea to end loneliness

A COUNCIL is calling for 'community connectors' to help tackle loneliness among the elderly.

Stafford Borough Council is holding an induction session for volunteers on February 23 at the Civic Centre to provide information on what being a 'community connector' entails.

It comes as Tracey Crouch has been appointed as the Minister for Lone-liness to continue the work of murdered MP Jo Cox to tackle the issue in the UK. Anyone interested can email health@staffordbc.gov.uk or call 01785 619675.

Probus club appeal for new members

A RUGELEY social group is looking for new members to enjoy a series of speeches. Probus Club, for retired and semi-retired people, wants to recruit

new members to meet up fortnightly. A talk on the RAF Fauld explosion is lined up for February 14 along with a talk on the life of a Tudor housewife on February 28.

Anyone interested can contact Neil Gardener on 01952 691 411 or email on gardenerneil@msn.com

Dozens take to streets against turkey farm

DOZENS of people marched through a town centre to protest against plans for a turkey farm.

The snow did not stop the protesters who chanted

The snow did not stop the protesters who chanted 'Say no to Toft, no turkey farm' and 'There is no excuse for animal abuse' as they made their way around the busiest parts of Stafford on Saturday. For the demonstration, they headed from Victoria Park through the high street and Market Square. If South Staffordshire District Council give the plans, submitted by Holt Farms, the green light it would see four turkey regime buildings at light, it would see four turkey-rearing buildings at Toft Farm in Levedale Road, Penkridge, with space for 20,000 birds. But the plans have been met with strong opposition because people are worried that the lorries would cause traffic problems on the nar-row lanes and have expressed concerns regarding animal cruelty and health and safety.

Protest organiser Charlie Ward, aged 34, of Coppenhall, Penkridge, lives near site and said: "The people who are here are determined and care about animals rights but aside from that these plans are awful. There will be huge lorries going down single lanes, which will impact on traffic, and it would be terrible for local wildlife – and it will stink."

Effort

Heleen Roebuck, 50, of Stafford, was one of around 35 people who were protesting. She said: "I think it is absolutely unacceptable to keep animals against their will in barns just for the sake of one

day of Christmas celebrations.
"I think the turnout is absolutely wonderful that people have come out today in the snow when they probably have lots of better things to do. I think it

probably have lots of better trings to do. I think it is brilliant that people have made the effort."

An online petition was set up to oppose the plan, which would be 1.5 miles away from St Leonard's First School. That has now reached a total of 4,000 signatures. A national animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, also joined the betties have this probable. the battle by setting up their own petition which earned 7,000 signatures. Speaking last month, Councillor Isabel Ford,

who represents the Penkridge North East and Acton Trussell ward, acknowledged the concerns of residents. No-one from Holt Farms of Acton Hill was available to comment, and the plans are awaiting a decision from the council



The snow did not stop the protesters opposed to plans for turkey-rearing buildings at Toft Farm in Penkridge

Another chance to see home front display

MOTHERS' tales of sons joining the Western Front, farmers stay ing behind to support the war effort, and the work of women in munitions factories, are just some of the stories being told in

an touring exhibition.

The display, titled '14', documents the story of Stafford-

shire's home front and first toured the county in 2016.

There is now a further chance to watch a mix of live footage, archive footage and animation through a series of 14 short films inspired by poems written by Staffordshire's former Poet Laureate, Tom Wyre. The display

is at Burton until February 13; Barton, February 13 to March 20; Tamworth, March 20 to 24 April 24; Shenstone, April 24 to May 22; Biddulph, June 26 to July 17; Newcastle, September 18 to October 22; Museum of Cannock Chase, October 22 to December 14.

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COUNTY NEWS

Disability centre in £55k revamp

A COUNCIL-RUN centre for people with disabilities has officially reopened after a £55,000 revamp.

Wolverhampton's Brickkiln Cen-

tre now boasts colour-coded rooms tre now boasts colour-coded rooms, Braille signage and contrasting doors and handles to help people with a visual impairment get around more easily. It was officially opened to the public by the Deputy Mayor of Wol-verhampton Councillor Phil Page and Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, cab-

inet member for adult services.
Redevelopment of the Cherry Street
centre was part of a wider £180,000
scheme to renovate three facilities for people with disabilities

Nova recruitment workers are saved

A WEST Midland recruitment and training agency has been bought out of administration.

The sale of Nova Recruitment by

Steven Stokes and Raj Mittal, partners with business advisory firm FRP Advisory, has secured the jobs of all 12 staff based at its Castle Street, Dudley, and Birmingham premises. It has been bought by Capital Outsourcing

Group.

Nova Recruitment had expanded

For of cervices across a number its range of services across a number of sectors as part of its steady growth since formation in 1980, with particu-lar expertise in the industrial, retail

Developer steps in with school boost

A REGIONAL housebuilder, based in A REGIONAL housebuilder, based in Birmingham, has given a cash boost to a Willenhall school to help it improve its outside space. New Invention Infant School in Cannock Road applied to Persimmon Homes Central to become one of its monthly Community Champions, and was selected to receive a £1,000 donation as part of the match-funded scheme.

Headteacher Debbie Naffati said: "We are committed to providing our

"We are committed to providing our children with the very best resources."

Midlands food awards nominations appeal

THE Midlands Food, Drink and Hospitality Awards is set to be the biggest ever, with Pepsi Max as headline spon-sor again, it takes place at Edgbaston cricket stadium on June 25.

The awards will recognise and reward bars, restaurants, cafes and waru bars, restaurants, cares and other food firms for first class service. Nominations open until April 23. Visit mfdhawards.co.uk to nominate.

Boardwalk to improve wildlife site access

A NEW boardwalk is on its way, to help visitors more easily get around an area of outstanding natural beauty

an area of outstanding natural beauty in Staffordshire. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has received a grant of £3,580 to create a circular walking route around part of its centre near Rugeley.

The cash has come from the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Sustainable

Development Fund to improve visitor access around the trust's Wolseley Centre headquarters.

Existing steps can act as a barrier to people using wheelchairs and pushchairs around the site, but the new boardwalk will allow people easier access from the woodland area of the site onto the riverbank.

James Dennison, fundraising and membership manager for Stafford-

shire Wildlife Trust, said: "The aim of the project is to increase the accessi-bility of the Wolseley Centre so more

people can enjoy the site.

"The Wolseley Centre is one of the places on the boundary of the AONB that has the capacity to absorb more visitors without causing harm to the

natural environment.
"All visitors will benefit from the project, but we are specifically target-

ing people who are currently unable to access the circular route due to the

steps.
"This includes disabled people and

"Ins includes disabled people and people with pushchairs.

"In addition to making the site more accessible for more people, we will also extend the length of the season that the site is accessible by installing low level boardwalks over the season that the present of flooding." areas that are prone to flooding.

Head's tearful tribute to 'fun loving' Mylee

By Richard Guttridge

AN emotional tribute to tragic schoolgirl Mylee Billingham was given by her headteacher who described her as a 'fun loving' pupil whose 'smile lit up the room'.

It came as dozens of floral tributes continued to be left outside the house in Brownhills where the eight-year-old was attacked on Sat-

urday evening. She was rushed to hospital with serious stab injuries but died a short time later. It is believed her father – Bill Bill-ingham, who was found at the address

Mylee Billingham with a stab wound to his stomach – has been arrested.

The 54-year-old remains in a critical

The 54-year-old remains in a critical condition in hospital where police say he is expected to undergo surgery. Devastated headteacher Andy Nicholls, from St James' Primary, paid tribute Mylee. Choking back tears outside of the school in Great Charles Street, he said: "What can I say, we are all numb, we are in shock. Everyone

at the school is completely devastated.
"Mylee was dearly loved by us all.
Her smile lit up the room, in fact it
never left her face. She was a fun lov-

never left her face. She was a fun lov-ing, happy eight-year-old who had her whole life ahead of her. "She took a full part in school life particularly enjoying singing and per-forming. She was just a lovely girl. "Our hearts go out to her family at this difficult time."

this difficult time."
Meanwhile, outside the house in Valley View where Mylee was attacked, floral tributes were left by neighbours and friends. Chief Superintendent Andy Parsons of Walsall police said: "The investigation is organize". The investigation is ongoing.

Drivers faced with 'hazardous' roads



The aftermath of a crash in Cannock in the snow

BRRRR! The UK suffered its coldest night in nearly two years as snow returned to Staffordshire and the Black Country.
Temperatures plummeted

overnight on Saturday with a low of -13.5C (7.7F) recorded in the Highland village of Dalwhinnie. The weather also prompted a series of flood warnings to be issued across the UK.

In the West Midlands a yellow weather warning of snow and ice was in place from 6am on Sunday until 6pm the same day, although the region escaped relatively unscathed and any snow was washed away by rain on Sunday afternoon.

The region saw nowhere near the same disruption as last month, but there were still a number of crashes and buses having to be diverted due to unsafe roads.

In Cannock, police were called not long after snow started falling in the town after a grey Seat lost its front bumper in a collision.

No-one was injured but officers reminded drivers to take extra care with the snow making conditions 'hazardous' in places.

Elsewhere, Glasgow Airport was temporarily closed on Sunday so the runway could be cleared following heavy snow. North Wales Police also warned of poor conditions on the roads due to snow and ice.

Support for firms hit by collapse

STAFFORDSHIRE Chambers Commerce is looking to support businesses and employees affected by the collapse of Carillion.

Sara Williams, the group's chief executive, said: "The liquidation of Carillion is terrible news and brings

carillon is terrible news and orings with it a period of great uncertainty.

"This will be a difficult time for employees, contractors and businesses that worked with Carillion. Staffordshire Chambers is committed to supporting those affected, working alongside chambers throughout the Midlands region and beyond.

"Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce provides training in procure-ment, contracting and negotiations that will support businesses coming to terms with this situation.

"We can also offer access to our wide membership to identify job va-cancies and training opportunities that may be available, alongside a fast-track business start-up training

programme for people considering self-employment.

The Black County Chamber of Commerce have established a dedicated helpline for those affected by the crisis on 01902 912322 or email carillionhelp@blackcountrychamber

carillionhelp@blackcountrychamber.co.uk

"We are encouraging any businesses or individuals in Staffordshire affected by Carillion and wishing to access business support to call the Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Growth Hub Business Helpline on 0300 111 8002." Carillion had its headquarters in Wolverhampton. It went into liquidation last week. went into liquidation last week

Tree-mendous as £11,000 is raised

A LATE Christmas present is on its way again to St Giles Hospice, thanks to the success of this year's environmentally friendly Treecycle campaign

Collections across Lichfield and the surrounding area saw volunteers picking up more than 1,400 old Christmas trees from local families and businesses, raising more than £11,000 to help fund the work of the hospice.

The selfless efforts of the volunteers

The selfless efforts of the volunteers included visiting Tamworth Snowdome to chip 300 trees and Hogarths Gin Palace, which is also in the town, to chip a further 60.

Zoe Westwood, the hospice's fundraising events manager, sadi: "Treecycle is a brilliant fundraising event. It is good for the environment, helps families out after Christmas when they're left with a dead tree – and raises money for St Giles Hospice."

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Inspectors praise 'flexible' care service NEWS IN BRIEF

A GROUP for men 'seeking to make sense of life' is to be launched in Rugeley next month.

Group aims

to let men

share their

experiences

geley next month.

Led by Father David Evans from
the town's St Augustine's Church,
with the help of volunteers, the group,
called Adam's Return, will meet
monthly for a cooked breakfast.

The aim is to give men an opportunity to share their experiences of such matters as romance, parenthood, bereavement and life's various setbacks.

"This is not a group for talking about religion," a spokesman for the group said. "It's a group for men who are doers."

Meetings will be held from 8.30 to 10.30am on the second Saturday of the month, starting on February 10. A donation of £3 towards the cost of

breakfast would be appreciated.

For further information call 07919 416900 or email davidmaevans1@ gmail.com

Meanwhile, a counselling service for people going through bereave-ment or suffering with anxiety and/ or depression is being run in Rugeley. Up to six sessions, at St Augustine's Church, are provided free of charge

Church, are provided free of charge but must be booked in advance.

The service, called The Changing Room, is supervised by a senior counsellor accredited by the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy. Appointments can be arranged on 07591 257737.

HomeServe retains title a fourth year

HOMESERVE has been named as the UK's best home emergency cover provider for the fourth year in a row.

The Walsall-based business has now

picked up the award from independent personal finance website Moneynet every year since the award was first introduced in 2015.

The Moneynet Awards recognise the country's leading financial ser-vices and home assistance providers over the last 12 months.

In being named the winner, Home-Serve was praised for the transpar-ency and clarity of its pricing.

Andrew Hagger, who chaired the Moneynet Awards judging team for the 2018 awards, said the latest award was just reward for HomeServe's com prehensive range of solutions.

Bound for Gnosall

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sundayy is an eight-mile easy walk from Gnosall, meeting at Hednesford rail-way station car park for a 9am prompt departure. For details contact Rob on departure. For details contact 1005 cm 07954 170369. New walkers welcome.

tions has been rated 'outstanding' for providing responsive support. 图 题 Priory Highfields was also rated

'good' overall and in the categories covering safety, caring, leadership and being effective.

The ratings for the facility in High-fields Road, Chasetown, were an-

nounced following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). In their report, the CQC inspectors said: "Relatives felt the staff understood their family member's needs

and support. One relative told us that 'the resident has made significant improvements since coming here and

had been able to attend college'."

The inspectors added: "Relatives felt the staff were responsive and felt the staff were responsive and flexible in ensuring people lived as full lives as possible. One relative said 'they are always doing something with them and are flexible if we sug-

gest something different'.

"Another told us 'they do things I'd have to plan carefully for and would need help from others; for example

Priory Highfields, managed by Priory Adult Care, a division of the Priory Group, says it seeks to 'reduce anxiety levels by enabling indicated." ety levels by enabling individuals to access a personalised, structured pro-gramme of fun and leisure, physical activity, education, work and life ex-

periences.'

Pete Stanton, acting manager at Priory Highfields, said: "I am thrilled that our service was rated 'outstanding' in the 'responsive' category, because it is invested to our staff fearm." cause it is important to our staff team that we offer individualised support.

Thousands to join the Big Birdwatch

THE RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is set to bring about half a million people together this weekend with the aim of helping to create an annual snapshot of how UK birds are faring.

Now in its 39th year, the Birdwatch is a chance for people of all ages to count the number of birds that visit their garden.

their garden.

Last year, close to half a million people across the UK took part, making the Big Garden Birdwatch the world's biggest wildlife survey.

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Go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Firm 'confident' despite job cuts

A COMPANY planning to cut 1,100 jobs still has a long-term future in the Midlands, an MP believes.

Jeremy Lefroy, MP for Stafford, said he was confident General Electric (GE) could thrive – even if 500 workers are axed at a factory in the town.

The Conservative MP is part of a taskforce aiming to support staff facing redundancy. He said: "The fact General Electric made the decision to invest in Stafford is a sign of their long-term confidence.

The firm has entered into a consul tation with workers over their futures

Co-op's staff help to cut energy use

STAFF are celebrating after cutting the amount of energy used in Co-op shops in Staffordshire and the Black

Country.
The Midcounties Co-operative is marking Big Energy Saving Week, which ends on Sunday, after saving 30 tonnes of CO2 emissions—the equivalent of taking six cars off the road for

The group's food, travel, childcare, funeral, and healthcare sites in the West Midlands region collectively reduced their energy use by three per cent compared with 2016.

Screwfix launch to bring 13 new jobs

SCREWFIX is to open its first store in Burntwood next week

Burntwood next week.

Store manager Andrew Figgitt said:
"We've created 13 new jobs and employed people from around the Burntwood area. Our new team includes people with all different levels of experience. Everyone here is really looking forward to the store opening."

The new branch, located at Burntwood Business Park, will be open seven days a week.

Football club car park is set to triple in size

HEDNESFORD Town Football Club's car park could be more than tripled in size by developers of a neighbouring housing estate.

Taylor Wimpey has failed to get plan-

Priory Highfields - 'responsive

Taylor Willipey has lated to get plan-ning permission for 119 homes next to Keys Park on three occasions.

The main stumbling block is concerns that the estate will swallow up land where dozens of supporters park on match days, prompting fears that cars will instead be left on surround-

ing estate roads.

Now, Taylor Wimpey has proposed expanding the Pitmen's car park, increasing the number of designated spaces from 74 to 251.

Another measure will be to hire a 'travel plan coordinator' whose role will be to 'encour-age football club staff and visitors to travel by sustainable modes of travel as an alternative to the private car'.

Agreed

Taylor Wimpey will stump up £8,000 to secure a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that will include installing double yellow lanes on the new development's 'spine road' while other roads will be regulated by a 'controlled parking zone' allowing residents and their visitors to park outside their homes on match days with rmit

a permit.

Hednesford Town, who play in the Northern
Premier League, have also agreed not to hold
'non-football functions' within two hours of a

'non-football functions' within two hours of a football match finishing.

Taylor Wimpey said: "The proposed development is located on open land currently used, if required, by Hednesford Town Football Club on match days as 'informal' overspill parking. "All parties have agreed that by properly regulating the car parking many of the perceived problems will be overcome."

The latest proposals were being considered by Cannock Chase Council's planning committee yesterday (Wednesday).

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Concerns over parking intensified following
the visit of local rivals Stafford Rangers on
New Year's Day when nearly 900 fans to turn
up at Keys Park – more than double this season's typical attendance.

Premier night with icon Gazza



The evening will feature an interview with Paul Gascoigne followed by questions from the audience

ENGLAND icon Paul Gascoigne is coming to Cannock in May, it

has been announced.

The football idol will be the star of a 'World Cup Warm Up' evening at The Premier Suite Lounge on Thursday, May 10 alongside Wolves legend Steve Bull with MC Steve Kindon. The

evening will feature an interview with 'Gazza' followed by questions from the audience.

tions from the audience.

Tickets are on sale now for the evening at £65, including a sit-down meal. But there are also VIP packages priced at £125 for the silver option including a photograph with Gazza and £225 for the gold

package which includes a meetand-greet with the football legend in a private lounge. To book call the venue on 01543 572092.

Fans across the region are expected to flock to the show. Gascoigne pulled out of two shows in a week in Bewdley in November saying he was ill.



IN MY VIEW

Carrier bag charge is a pain on the pocket

IF THE comments by the chattering classes over the past few days are to be believed, one might be forgiven for thinking that the 5p charge on carrier bags has been an unparalleled success, rivalled only by sliced bread.

Maybe it's just me, but when I go to the supermarket checkout, I don't feel a sense of awe at the genius of those behind the scheme. I just feel discomfort as I stuff a packet of frozen peas in my trouser pocket because yet again I've left my

ser pocket oecause yet again I ve iert my bags in the car.
What is interesting is that I've just read that these "bags for life", which the do-gooders keep banging on about, are not quite as green as they would have us

Recent research says they actually cause 175 times more damage to the environment than the conventional "throw away" ones. And let's be honest, did anybody actually thrown them away after using them just once? I've still got old bags dating back from the 1980s, which are used to store old newspapers and magazines.

Indeed, another statistic is that plastic shopping bags account for just 0.2 per cent of household waste, but I suppose we can't let the fact get in the way of a bit of virtue signalling.

But here's another thought, if plastic is

But nere's another mought, in plastic is so bad, instead of charging us 5p or 10p for our bags, why don't they just give us free paper bags like they used to? These could go in the recycling with our old newspapers, and everyone's a winner.

Anyhow, that argument seems to have been lost, and plastic-free aisles are about to become the next big thing. In five years time those shrink-wrapped apples and grapes will probably become as obsolete as ration books.

Sounds fair enough on paper, but I do wonder if anybody actually took the trou-ble to ask the supermarkets why they sell fruit and veg in plastic packaging to begin

Because an industry insider tells me it is not because supermarkets get some perverse pleasure out of wasting mon-ey or trying to destroy the planet. It is because the packaging has been carefully designed to make the produce last longer, in order to reduce waste.

So we might save on a bit of plastic here and there, but end up throwing away tons of perfectly good fruit and veg. And of course, when people do select the fruit and veg from the plastic-free aisle, they will put it into plastic bags

Farewell to a legendary broadcaster, Ed Doolan



The passing of Ed Doolan, a broadcaster who never shied from telling it how it is



Donald Trump – not the first US President to have his intellect brought into question



Penelope Keith as Margo in The Good Life, a role which she will never shake off

Wheel be careful, driving in the

your driving test in Wolverhampton than in most other parts of the country. Which poses an obvious question: how many drivers in Wolverhampton actually bother to take the test?

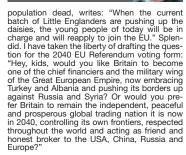
WHEREVER you drive in Britain you will witness occasional incidents of carelessness and inattention. But Wolverhampton is the only place where I've seen a driver with a plate on his lap eating a meat pie with a knife and fork, at the traffic lights. It takes a brave cop to come between a Black Country man and his pasty.

SO farewell, Ed Doolan, the veteran BBC broadcaster who died last week. Always good listening, always wise company, Doolan believed there was less evil in the world than some people seemed to think, and that when life seems to conspire against us, it's probably just a cock-up. As he told me nearly 20 years ago: "Never put down to malice anything you can put down to stupidity. It's usually something that's gone wrong or some jobsworth throwing his weight around on a bad morning."

DOOLAN is generally described as a cham-DOULAN is generally described as a champion of the underdog. But some underdogs strained his patience. I remember a caller to his Radio WM show complaining that there was a gap in her fence and her kids were getting out and playing by the road. "You get a hammer, some nails and some wood,"said Doolan, "and you fix the hole." He repeated this patiently, woord for word several times until the protecting. word for word, several times until the protesting caller got the message and hung up. "Ah, the dependency culture," sighed Doolan. He had a soft heart but was never a soft touch.

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PETER RHODES



DONALD Trump is not the first US president to be mocked for his intellect, or lack of it. There was an unkind, and untrue, story of President George W Bush being horrified at a news report that three Brazilian soldiers had been killed in Iraq. "Remind me again," the president asked his aides. "How many is a brazillion?"

I WAS reminded of that tale by a letter in the Daily Telegraph this week suggesting a new name for any unimaginably large sum of money. Carillions.

fy, houseproud snob from The Good Life. And whichever village finally emerges as the winner in this oddly-conceived daytime show, I bet you won't be allowed to visit it until Margo has made you take off your muddy boots.

INCIDENTALLY, I see one of the shortlisted villages is my regular holiday haunt of Beer in Devon. Whatever Margo says, just stay away. You'd hate it. Really.

ONE of the claims made by a retired officer during the debate on army recruiting is that war is good for recruitment. I know of no official figures to support this but I do recall the steady stream of would-be heroes who turned up at my local TA drill hall in 1982 eager to join the colours and do their bit in the Falklands. Some were of the generation that just missed National Service when it was wound up in the 1960s. always felt I was cheated of something," one of

CHEATED? But of what? The great thing about National Service was the unknown. I knew two blokes who were called up in the 1950s. One spent his two years "counting blankets at Catterick," as he put it. The other spent it on Sunderland flying boats in the Far East. When people talk about bringing back National Service, they should tell us what sort of National Service they mean. Put me down for the Sun-

PETER Rhodes will be speaking at Wolver-hampton Literature Festival on Sunday, January See: http://www.wolvesliteraturefestival

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Struggling to keep those new

TALKING POINT

'Less is more' was the theme when it came to making my 2018 New Year res-olutions. As the clock chimed 12 I determined I would eat and spend less and not swear so much

year goals

swear so much.

Come December 31 2018 there will be a slimline, more ladylike me with more available funds in my purse and a not-so stressed credit card.

The only 'more' I was allowing myself was with reading, in the hope this lead to greater releastion.

greater relaxation

greater relaxation.

But a little early research proved a tad disheartening. Statistics show that only eight per cent of people actually stick to their resolutions, with losing weight and spending less the most common goals.

However, in retrospect, the first month of the very in retrospect, the first month.

of the year is not a good time to make

of the year is not a good time to make such resolutions.

For example, the 25 per cent of us who have resolved to spend less forgot one great obstacle – the January sales. The four-letter word is emblazoned over every shop and supermarket window tormenting us, pulling at our purse strings.

Not only did I trawl the rails and racks of every high street fashion shop, I bought a three-piece suite. It was half price, though, and I don't have to start paying for a year so does that actually

paying for a year so does that actually count as a fail? Then there is the challenge for the 32 per cent of us determined to eat less. Firstly, the cupboards are still full of all the extra food shipped in for Christmas, exasperated by the selection of chocolates and sweets Santa popped in your stocking.

All this food can't just be allowed to get to waste. And, as we are in the throes of winter, our bodies demand we eat more to protect against the weather, it's like hibernation. I am genetically programmed to fail on this resolution.

No excuses for not curbing my foul

mouth though. Despite the provocation of some frankly appalling drivers who would thoroughly deserve the unladylike profanities, this is achievable. However,

profanities, this is achievable. However, at 20p a time per curse it is further compounding my failure to spend less.

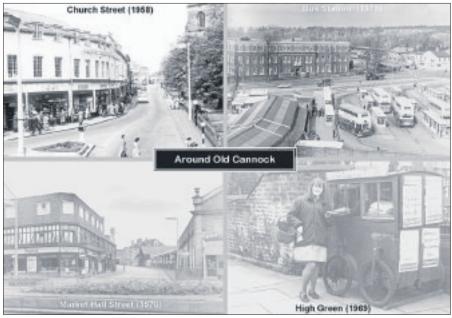
Success, so far, however on the reading, thanks to a small library of Christmas gift books and an unwillingness to break away from the fire and venture out on a cold, dark evening.

This would achieve the aim of being more relevated if the program of the program

more relaxed if I wasn't so worried about how much I was spending on a new sofa, all the calories I had consumed to make a dent in the food mountain and how much the journey on the M6 had benefitted the swear jar. But I remain convinced that less is more – next year I will make fewer



New postcard shows days gone by



Four photographs taken by CO Hughes featuring well-known scenes from around Cannock in the 1950s, 60s and 70s

TAKE a look back at the Cannock of decades ago with a postcard that has just been released.

It is made up of four black and white photographs that were taken by CO Hughes between 1958 and 1975, and come from the local history picture stock.

One shows a woman standing next to an Express & Star while progression which were to an Express & Star while progression which were to be a standing to the standing that the standing term of the standing ter

mobile newsagent, which dates back to April 24, 1969, when it was regularly seen around the town centre and

On that day, $\bar{\text{th}}$ e front page was about a second attack

by paramilitaries on the water pipes in Belfast in four days that left 500,000 without water.

Anyone with information on who the woman is has been

asked to contact the library on 01543 510365.

The postcard also offers a glimpse of other roads, including Church Street in 1958, Market Hall Street in 1970, and the bus station in 1975.

It follows the success of another similar postcard. Both of them are available exclusively at Cannock Li-

Youngsters show their artistic skills in competition

TALENTED youngsters have been enjoying a brush with success as the winners of an arts competition at a stately

home have been named.
The Granary Art Gallery at Weston
Park held its annual Young Artist
Competition in December. The win-

ners have now been selected and prizes given out during a presentation ceremony.

Children in primary and secondary education in Staffordshire and Shrop-shire were asked to create artworks on the theme of Architecture and

Buildings or Trees. The winners in the primary school section came from Wheaton Aston, Telford and Gnosall.

And in the secondary school section, pupils from Wellington and Newport were winners. In total 118 works were shortlisted and exhibited.

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Majority decision is crucial

WITH reference to Paul Witton, I cannot disagree with one word he has written concerning Tony Blair ten concerning 10ny Biarr and his stupid remarks regarding Brexit ("Blair should accept referendum result", December 28). Whatever political party you support, or not, the peo-ple of this country, in a dem-ocratic referendum, voted

by majority to leave the EU (Brexit). I agree that every-one has an opinion but let us not let the minority overrule

the majority.

Paul Witton, a regular contributor to this newspaper, is often very controversial in his political views, on which I have commented on previous occasions, but I have to congratulate him on

JIM CORKE Cannock

Eat outdoors? It's anything but a piece of cake No longer We were impressed

plea than command. Dog is master.

I tried to gobble the cream jam sponge before he got to the bench. Too late! The wife had eaten her modest slice. I held it aloft but Baxter seemed eft tall. His tongue was in my ear. His dogs for that. They're good, loyal com-

mate Routledge was 1ft tall and crept panions, of course, but cosseted. The

Comments on NHS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR are ill-informed

I REFER to the letter from LDT ("Here's how to ease the pressure on NHS", January 18).

I have never witnessed such right wing ill-informed xenophobic, discriminative, vile abuse than the comments

made by the writer.

They are without doubt the actions of a cowardly, spiteful, vindictive person, who has not got the guts to provide

What is this paper coming to, and what is the reason for allowing such a provocative evil proposal as to put people to death at the age of 70 – in order to relieve the pressure

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out at night

MP Mark Pritchard stated his opposition to the re-turn of capital punishment, and his comments that the death penalty was no deter-

rent.

How wrong is he? How much does it cost to keep murderers in prison long-term at the cost of the taxpayers, and then to be returned into society to murder again in a lot of cases?

These are the scum of the cost hand chould be partie.

earth and should be eradi-cated from society.

Does he even consider the life sentence of people whose loved ones were victims of murderers? In the 1950s I felt safe,

and could walk home from a dance late at night without any fear, which is unheard

of in today's society.

CATHERINE WESTWORTH

"BAXTER, phweet," Phweet, Routledge, phweet," That aimless whistle. The one dogs ignore. Frantic voice, more plea than command. Dog is master. I tried to gobble the cream jam I tried to gobble the

I WOULD like to lighten the news by saying there is a 'new lady' in Cannock town centre.

The lady's name is Hannah. She's a lovely new cafe, on

The lady's name is Hannan. Sne's a lovely new case, cathe site of what was a charity shop. My husband and I spotted Hannah's Coffee Shop & Bistro while shopping in Cancock and decided to nop in and try a bit of lunch. We were ted Hannah's Coffee Shop & Bistro while shopping in Cannock and decided to pop in and try a bit of lunch. We were greeted most warmly, the premises were very clean and bright, and the lunch was served hot and tasty and quickly. To add to the pleasant comfort, and to add to the cafe's offering, you could see all the people and activity through the window. It was lovely to watch the world go by in such pleasant surroundings.

We do hope many people will pop in as we did and enjoy this lovely addition to the town centre.

LILIAN CHANDLER

Annoyed by campaigns

ENJOYING commercial radio and TV is ruined for me by taxpayer funded campaigns to ensure I understand my state pension, appreciate that the NHS is here for me this winter, Gaz and Leccy need to come out of the cupboard and a red cross on a motorway means the lane is closed. Is there a hidden agenda for the taxpayer to fund commercial stations or is it that the responsible ministers are stupid? GRAHAME WIGGIN Cannock Chase UKIP



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Express & Star Final whistle

Speaker tells Group get together pastor's role for a belated lunch

Etching Hill WI

GUEST speaker Julie Ashford spoke about her role as a street pastor for Stafford at the well-attended meeting, which included several new visitors.

The Stafford street pas-

tors started in 2009 and is tors started in 2009 and is part of the International Street Pastors Organisation which began in London in 2003. Volunteers are re-cruited from inter-denominational churches and following extensive training, spend one evening a month, generally at weekends, from 10.30pm until 4am on the

streets.

Wearing a distinctive uniwearing a distillative uni-form and in teams of three they will care, listen and help anyone feeling vulner-able and in need. They are radio linked to CCTV cameras and the police if assistance is ever required.

Once nightclubs start to close there can be as many as 3,000 people on Stafford's streets. Pastors carry various aids including water, emergency blankets, waterproof ponchos, flip flops and lollies.

"Spikeys' are handed out for use to prevent bottled drinks from being contami-nated. They will assist peo-ple in getting home safely.

In January, members brought along unwanted Christmas gifts or used items like books and ornaments. An auction of these items raised £96.10.

Upcoming social events include lunch club at the Bank House, Hixon and the

Thirty five members attended the Chase Parkinson's Group lunch at The Roman Way Hotel

CHASE Parkinson's Group held their belated Christmas lunch at The Roman Way Hotel last Wednesday with 35 members attending.

This was a fantastic afternoon for the group to meet socially and a credit to the Roman Way and staff for the way in which the lunch was presented.

The Chase Parkinson's Group meet on the last Monday of every month, which includes bank holidays, at the Aquarius in Hednesford from 7.30pm till 9pm. At the

Chase Parkinson's Group

meeting, there are speakers, a social night and entertainment evenings as well as so-

cial outings to the theatre.

Anyone interested or if anyone knows someone who has Parkinson's is welcome

and can take along their spouse or a friend.

Everyone is welcome to go along or contact Geoff Chandler for information on 01543 425819 or 07900 924206

ito work of hospice

FOR the first meeting of 2018. on January 8, the 2018, on January 8, the chairman welcomed every-one and wished them a Happy New Year.

She gave a warm welcome to guests Val Burgess, Mar-ion Willis, Pat Ball, Katrina Nicholls and Anne Heath, and hoped they would enjoy their first visit.

Speaker was David Mid-

Hednesford A TWG

dleton from Katharine House Hospice who gave a wonderful insight into the invaluable work every member at the hospice gives.

A vote of thanks was given by Sue Sindry, she presented David with a cheque on behalf of the guild. The

month, skittles and a pub lunch has been cancelled. Members were reminded that the speaker on February 12 will be Anthony Hunt on unsolved murders.

The AGM is in March, and after the reading of reports, there will be a beetle drive.

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Burglar is Force sets example on protecting victims locked up over £2.5k tools theft

A 21-YEAR-OLD offender with a 'terrible' record who returned to crime five months after being given a chance by a judge has been locked up for more than two years.

Michael Baker and three other men escaped with £2,500 worth of power tools from Woodward Transport in Great Wyrley, a court was told.

He cut the padlock on the gate to the yard after another member of the group failed to break in with a crowbar, Miss Sophie Murray, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.
They then loaded their

van with the haul and drove

off.
But they were filmed by

viously.

Mr Stephen Cadwaladr, Mr Stepnen Cadwalaar, defending, said: "This was not a professional gang. They were young fools." The defendant, from Dartmouth Avenue, Willen-

hall, had been given a sus-pended two-year sentence for burglary last March,

By John Scott

the court heard. He pleaded guilty to the burglary at Woodward Transport, which happened on August 24, and was jailed for two years and four months by Judge Barry Berlin, who told him: "You were riven a chance "You were given a chance in March when, no doubt, the judge was told you had turned the corner and were

turned the corner and were going straight.

"But you have a terrible record and within five months you are on CCTV cameras using cutting equipment to get through a lock, and breaking in again," he added.

"You were in a gang that went equipped for crime, and this is serious when taken in the context of your previous offending."



Marilyn McMahon with Chief Inspector Simon Brownsword

A PROFESSOR from one of the world's leading universities has met with a senior Staffordshire police officer in the fight against controlling and coercive behaviour.

Marilyn McMahon, from Deakin University in Melbourne is researching the offence of controlling and coercive behaviour, as some areas in Australia are considering introducing a similar offence. She met with Chief Inspector Simon Brownsword, deputy head of the force's safeguarding department, to talk about the offence.

The meeting came after the force ran a campaign during October, describing how controlling and coercive behaviour can take many forms, and encouraging victims to come for-

October, describing how controlling and coercive benaviour can take many forms, and encouraging victims to come forward and speak out. It was aimed at men and women and explained how it can happen to anyone, at any age, in any kind of relationship.

Mr Brownsword said: "The coercive or controlling behaviour offence protects victims who would otherwise be subjected to sustained patterns of abuse that can lead to a total control of their lives by the perpetrator."

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A help guide has been developed to raise awareness of controlling and coercive behaviour. To access the guide and for more information, visit www.staffordshire.police.uk





Terror victims' families will attend ceremony

a new national memorial to British victims of overseas terrorism will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum this spring.

Families of those who have lost loved ones in terrorist attacks abroad or others who have been directly affected are invited to ap-

ply to attend the event.

The National Memorial to Victims of
Overseas Terrorism – titled Still Water
– is dedicated to all British victims of

- is dedicated to all British victims of overseas terrorism and will stand to honour any future victims.

Tobias Ellwood, Minister for Defence People and Veterans, said: "This memorial is a poignant tribute to British people killed in terrorist attacks. abroad and will act as a focal point for remembrance for their loved ones and the whole country.

Launched

"It is a space for quiet reflection and contemplation, and I hope that it will become a place where those who have been affected can come to remember.

"I would encourage anyone who has lost a family member in an overseas terrorist incident to apply for a place at the dedication ceremony and join this act of remembrance."

An online consultation for the me-An online consultation for the memorial was launched by Mr Ellwood in January 2016 to seek views from those who had been affected by incidents overseas. In September 2017 it was announced that Still Water, by Alison Wilding and Adam Kershaw, had been selected by an independent panel to be the memorial.

The work was completed in Decem-

ber 2017 and it is now open to the



The arboretum's Peter Orgill, right, with Tobias Ellwood at the memorial site retum, said: "The National Memorial public. A limited number of places are available for family members of victims and others who have been perfor the British Overseas Victims of Terrorism is an important addition."

dedication-ceremony

sonally affected by terrorist incidents The National Memorial Arboretum will commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on Saturday with an abroad at the dedication ceremony on May 17. Those wishing to attend extended version of the daily Act of Re-membrance and a two-minute silence can register at www.gov.uk/govern-ment/publications/national-memorialat 10.50am. At 2.30pm, there is a talk on 'the power of words' – the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018. Sarah Montgomery, managing director of the National Memorial Arbo-

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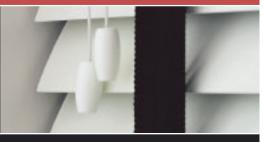
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New chief appointed for expert partnership

ENTRUST, a joint venture partnership between Capita and Staffordshire County Council, has appointed a new chief executive. Over the last decade Chris Blackwell has chief executive. Over the last decade Chris Blackwell has worked in various senior leadership roles including UK managing director for Maximus and interim chief executive for the Reducing Reoffending Partnership. Entrust works across the UK in partnership with schools, academy trusts and local authorities to provide

specialist expertise around school improvement, learning technologies, and property and support services.

Mr Blackwell will provide strategic direction to Entrust

as it expands this work.

as it expands this work.

"Entrust is an exciting partnership that delivers innovative ideas and practical solutions at a time when school budgets are in the spotlight," he said.

"I am excited to be appointed chief executive."

Closed dogs shelter was probed for rats — council

A DOG shelter shut down amid accusations of animals being kept in poor conditions was investigated over rat infestations last year, it has been revealed.

Rosedene Rescue Centre in Rushall near Walsall temporarily closed after volunteers removed 21

dogs they alleged were 'at risk'.
Since then, around 1,000 people have backed a campaign for it to never reopen. Walsall Council has

with owner Desmond Goodall about his plans to revamp the centre.

The authority revealed its inspectors visited the site at Radley Road 'on a number of occasions' in 2017 to deal with vermin but stated the issues were addressed.

The council has moved to clarify its involvement with Rosedene in light of the damning allegations, which have been made on social media by former volunteers, people who have stepped in to rehome the dogs and

from the shelter

A council spokeswoman said: "We are aware of concerns that have been raised on social media."

"Environmental health officers are in communication with the owner about his future proposals for the site." The RSPCA vowed to look into any points made by the public.

Mr Goodall said he was hiring a new management team with a view to revamping and reopening the cen-

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Cat lovers in appeal on air gun licensing

CATS Protection is urging cat lovers in Staffordshire to join a call on the Government to introduce air gun licensing in England and Wales, following in the footsteps of Scotland and Northern Ireland where it is illegal to own air weapons without a licence.

The Government is currently holding a public consultation into air weapon regulation, including licensing, which closes on Tuesday, February 6. To take part people should visit www.eats.org.uk.airgunsconsultation

closes on Tuesday, February 6. To take part people should visit www.cats.org.uk/airgunsconsultation "Our monitoring shows that three cats are killed or injured by an air gun each week and this is likely to be an underestimate because most attacks are never witnessed or reported," said Jacqui Cuff, Cats Protection's head of advocacy and government relations. "Worse still, over 90 per cent of these shootings take place in England and Wales."

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TWO men have been fined a total of more than £1,400 for dumping cars in Staffordshire.

The men, involved in separate cases,

The men, involved in separate cases, were prosecuted after abandoning cars in Stafford. Nigel Steed of Marbury Drive, Bilston, and William David Beech, of Ravens Lane, Bignall End, Stoke-on-Trent, were each given £200 fixed penalty notices initially.

But they were later taken to court by Stafford Borough Council when those fines were not paid.

In the first of the two offences, a silver Renault Megane was left at Station Approach, Stone, in August. The other offence involved a Citroen C1 being abandoned at the A500 lay-by at Newcastle Under Lyme.

Neither of the men entered a plea at Newcastle Under Lyme Magistrates Court and the cases were proved in their absence.

Expensive

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As a result, they were each fined £770 and ordered to pay £272 in costs and victim surcharges by the court, making the total that they will have to pay up between them of £2,084.

Stafford Borough Council's cabinet member for environment and health, Councillor Frank Finlay, said: "Abandoned vehicles, along with other types of environmental crime, make our area untidy as well as being expensive to clean up. We have taken a zero tolerance approach to those who do not treat our borough with respect.

"We have fined around 240 people over the last 12 months for offences such as littering, fly-tipping and abandoning."

over the last 12 months for otherces such as littering, fly-tipping and abandoning vehicles as part of our litter campaign."
The council has been working on a campaign to make the borough litter-free called #Keepitclean.
It spends around £1million of council tax each year on the issue.

Coffee concert with amazing Grace



Grace Marie Wyatt, of Hednesford, launches the Coffee Concert series at St Mary's Church, Stafford

A RISING opera star has launched a new season of

popular recitals at a Staffordshire church.

Soprano Grace Marie Wyatt delighted music lovers at St Mary's Church in Stafford with an hour-long

at of Mary's Chiffert in Stanford with an industrial performance which earned a standing ovation.

Grace Marie, from Hednesford, is now making her way as a professional singer while studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London. She said of the Coffee Concert in Stafford: "I loved it, St Mary's is beautiful shuwah it's a lovely beautiful shuwah it's a lovely beautiful shuwah." a beautiful church, it's a lovely place to sing.

24-year-old sang three arias by Richard Strauss, ending with a couple of Rodgers and Hammerstein show songs, Mister Snow from the musical Carousel and I Have Dreamed from The King And I.

And accompanying her on piano was her first singing teacher Margaret Outen from Chase Academy in Cannock who taught her from the age of 11.

It was the first in a series of free recitals that take place on Saturdays at 11am from January to November which raise money through retiring collections.

has welcomed the new proposed powers for the Environment Agency that are intended to help fight waste crime and

tackle illegal waste sites.
Following the Slitting Mill fire, the MP has been working with both Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Environment Agency to identify legal loopholes and missing agency powers which allow il-

legal waste sites to accumulate so much waste.

The new powers will allow the Environment

Agency to block access to waste sites, preventing

raste from entering or exiting a site.

The agency can also require an operator to clear

The agency can also require an operator to clear all waste from a site, as opposed to just illegal waste. The new powers will be introduced by the spring, subject to parliamentary approval.

Ms Milling said: "The war against illegal waste sites is not confined to Cannock Chase and as we saw with the Slitting Mill Fire, illegal waste presents a significant fire risk. The measures that are being introduced will give the Environment Agency new powers to continue the fight against illegal waste and are a positive step forward."



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Planno man looks for key to success IT's a cliché but there's something truthful in the old saying attributed to Theodore Roosevelte 'nothing worth having comes easy'. Just ask James Sayer. Like countless musicians he started with a dream. To be a word-renowned artist. He's got talent in bis piano-playing fine-playing fine-pl



James in action performing his own music



James's celebrity fans include Sir Tom Jones

Just ask James Sayer. Like countless musicians he started with a dream. To be a world-renowned artist. He's got talent in his piano-playing fingertips. It has led to being noticed by the likes of Sir Tom Jones, Mumford & Sons' producer Matt Lawrence and The Doobie Brothers' Michael McDonald

ald. That's why James put faith in himself and his music by upping sticks from Halesowen and moving to the Big Smoke to chase that

dream.
"I've been lucky in London," says the 29-year-old former Windsor High School and King Edward VI College in Stourbridge pupil. "I work most nights. It's still pretty tough, but I get to go all around the world and it has been amazing."

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He is a full-time musician. He
can count recording sessions,
gigs, private parties and functions,
touring band slots and being one of the resident piano players at the capital's swanky Savoy Hotel among his income streams. It is a nomadic lifestyle, and one that is

not aligned to plentiful sleep.
"I'm unsigned so I pump everything in to supporting myself," he adds. "It means you've

time and all that money goes on rent or recording my own music. I was doing a private party last night for example and I didn't get back

until 4.30am this morning.

"But it's rewarding and a great feeling, I am doing what I want and it makes it cosiar."

it makes it easier."

Unfortunately for James, success in London does mean that he gets to see his friends and family less often. But despite living among the bright lights he hasn't forgotten his roots. When he does forgotten his roots. When he does get the chance to play in the Midlands he does, and he has a show lined up at Jools Holland's Jam House in Birmingham on Thursday, February 8.

Comparisons

"It's nice to be able to play there," he admits. "I try and get back every six weeks or so now but it's not always possible. Hopefully all my family and friends will be piling in and it will be good to see them."

Fusing elements of blues, folk and rock in his music, playing such venues inevitably leads to comparisons with Jools himself. But that's not something James minds

said they enjoyed it.

"I also love Van Morrison and obviously Elton John as a piano player. I also love Billy Joel's timeless music and the old soul of Rav Charles.

Charles.
"There's also Michael McDonald from the band The Doobie Brothers. I've got to know him and he is in my opinion the greatest singer ever."
That's quite a claim, especially

as another of the vocal greats who spotted him playing at The Savoy and asked for his details was a certain Sir Tom Jones. After a while one of his entourage approached James. "He asked for my number and said Sir Tom liked my playing style and wanted to know more about me. We exchanged details and I am hoping we can get some work done together in the near future."

Hopefully that might lead to some more international work for

James, who already has some globe-trotting under his belt. He was previously spotted by American group Ruen Brothers and played with them in 2015 at Radio 1's Big Weekend in Norwich before the huge American festivals Austin

Hard-working musician James Sayer has impressed with his piano skills City Limits in Texas and Coachella, in Índio California

He has also had some successful shows further south in Brazil, where they 'love their blues and metal', while also getting plenty of airplay in Holland.

"It's been a real journey and something I am enjoying," he adds. And looking forward, he says: "I would one day love to sell out Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London and do so by playing the style of music that I love.

"That is still achievable and I am being realistic about my aims. There are so many talented musicians down here and I am not be-He has also had some succes

cians down here and I am not being too unreasonable.
"I also still love my blues and

room in the mainstream for that at the moment.

"I'd love to be out there selling out bigger venues, that is the end

"To be as big as I can possibly be," he adds. Now he has a new single com-

ing out. Called Givin' It All For Free it will be available on all the major streaming services, such as Spotify, Deezer and YouTube.

James can also be found online to hear his material and follow his updates. He can be followed on Twitter @JamesSayerMusic or on his website at www.jamessayermusic.com/ or his Soundcloud channel at https://soundcloud.

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Youngsters sparkle in dance show



More than 120 children, all under the age of eight, were involved in the annual Twinkletoes show

CHILDREN attending Twinkletoes Preschool Dance Academy in Brereton and Lichfield successfully put on another show-stopping performance for family and friends.

More than 120 children, all under the age of eight, were

involved in the annual Christmas show, performing festive dances and songs in 'A Star is Born'. Katie Potter, who runs Twinkletoes, said: "All the children worked super hard in the weeks leading up to their

show, held at Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Hall. The children are now working towards their next award with the Melody Movement early learning curriculum in ballet and tap and also have a Valentines ball to look forward to in February.

Katie runs ballet and tap classes in Brereton and Lichfield and also sessions at preschools and nurseries. Cal 07875 129692 or email katie_twinkletoes@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for libraries

FURTHER meetings are being held to consider how Staffordshire's libraries could be best managed.

Discussions will include potentially using technology to maintain and extend opening hours with an automated service, increasing the number of community managed libraries, and reviewing how the mobile and travelling service is used.

Twenty three of the county's libraris have been transferred, or are in the process of being transferred, to community groups which take over the management and day-to-day running, while the council remains responsible for agreed utility bills and mainte-nance costs. These 23 libraries are not being considered in this consultation.

Consultation events at libraries include: Lichfield, today (Thursday), 3-6pm; Stafford, February 7, 7-9pm;

Rugeley, February 8, 3-6pm; Burntwood, February 27, 3-6pm.
Events at mobile and travelling

libraries include: Abbots Bromley Bagot Arms, February 14, 3.15-4.45pm; Great Haywood, Clifford Arms, February 19, 2.30-4.30pm; Featherstone Children's Centre, February 27, 10.30-midday.

The consultation lasts until April 1. For details go to www.staffordshire. gov.uk/connectedlibraries









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fire started by clothes

flames ignited from clothes left on top of a hob which was accidentally turned on.

Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to the home in Doxey Road, Stafford, at 1.22pm on Friday. Crews from Stafford, Eccleshall, Stone and Rising Brook tackled the blaze in breathing gear.

They used a single hose-reel jet to extinguish the

No-one was in the home but a dog was rescued. The animal was given oxygen therapy but passed away shortly afterwards.

Spread

Meanwhile, the kitchen was left significantly damaged.

An investigation carried out by the fire service con-cluded that the fire was started accidentally.

Fire investigation of-ficer Brian Griffiths said: "We carried out a fire in-vestigation and found the cooker had been acciden-tally turned on and clothing, which was left on top of the hob, had set alight and spread to other combus-

By Carl Jackson

tible items nearby. This fire has left the kitchen signifi-cantly damaged and there is further smoke damage

is lutther smoke damage throughout the property.

"This is a reminder to residents not to leave any fammable items on top of the cooker hob even if you think it is switched off," Mr Criffiths added. Griffiths added.

Griffiths added.

"We are seeing more and more of this type of fire which sadly could have be avoided.

"Always ensure your electric cooker is off if you are not using it and where possible it is best to turn it off at the main isolation switch to ensure it cannot be accito ensure it cannot be accidentally turned on which is easier than people may real-ise," Mr Griffiths said.

Dog dies in Donation will help keep needy warm



Chris Hulse, left, from Bidfood in Cannock, and Richard Mead from The Salvation Army

A FOOD wholesaler in Cannock has donated specially in-

A FUOD wholesaler in Cannock has donated specially insulated clothing and boots to The Salvation Army in the town to help keep those in need warm during the winter. The items donated were originally designed to keep employees at the depot warm while working in the freezer, with temperatures reaching as low as -21°C. The employees can work for up to eight hours a day wearing these suits.

Chris Hulse, general manager at Bidfood's Cannock depot, presented three freezer suits, a pair of freezer trusers, and two pairs of warm gloves. He said: "After the recent news of how the cold weather is affecting the homeless and their health, I really hope that this donation will come of great assistance during the remaining cold months."

Over the last year, the Cannock depot has donated a va

riety of goods to a range of local charities.
Richard Mead, assistant manager at The Salvation Army
in Cannock, said: "Thank you for the thoughtful donation!
This will really help the needy to stay warm this winter."





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Talented pair pick up **Stephen bursary awards**



From left, Councillor Pamela Stokes, Sian Hubbard, Laura Burley, and college head Tim Chamberlin

BURSARY awards in memory of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton were presented at a meeting of Burnt-wood Town Council.

The winners, Laura Burley and Sian Hubbard, each received a cheque for £1,000 and a commemorative certifi-

Council chairman Councillor Pam Stokes said: "It is a real pleasure to meet with two such talented young people. Burntwood Town Council is proud of the many talented young peo-ple in the town, and I am delighted to

able to honour Stephen's memory with this bursary.

"I would like to wish Laura and Sian ccess in their future endeavours."

The Stephen Sutton Bursary is an initiative of Burntwood Town Council that offers up to £2,000 to talented local young people who are developing their skills in art, sport or academia. Both winners of the 2017 Bursary

attend Chase Terrace Technology Col-

lege.
Councillor Diane Evans, chairman of governors at the college, said: "I am

grateful to Jane Sutton for supporting this initiative and helping judge the

entries.

"This bursary will help young people to extend and develop their talents

in the field of sport and art.

"As chair of governors at Chase
Terrace Technology College, I am
extremely proud of Laura and Sian's
achievements so far, and I know Stephen would be too. As he said 'make every second count, never take any-thing for granted. Don't be afraid to try something new, life is for living'

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Oldernar are Daniel John Marsden, Richare Rees, Tom Wilson, Leon Taylor, and Nick Rees

Deer-light! Band video captures a wonderland



A still from the band's video of Cannock Chase

THE beauty of Cannock Chase has been captured in a stunning short video.

The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty can be seen from a different angle under a blanket of snow in a two-minute film made using a drone and DSLR camera. Richard Rees spent three hours filming wildlife including deer and robins along with the

A robin finds a perch

An aeriel shot from the video

not pay the bills so at the moment it is a hobby but it is also an aspiring career.

"My brother and I do the visuals first to see how that feels and then we will go back and forth to think of a

"We have some projects we want to pursue in the fu-ture to shine a light on other things."

They are hoping to make documentary-based videos where they will be looking at social movements based around saving older buildings in Stafford. The band also hope to release their EP around March on Spotify.

composition that fits it.

landscape from above, as the sun was setting.
The video has been shared on the Forestry Commission's Twitter account.

Richard is in a five-man band called Oldernar and, along with his brother Nick, 34, creates videos and accompanying soundtracks with guitars, keyboards and drums, instead of perform-

drums, instead of performing live.

Local government officer Richard does the visuals by filming and editing while his brother composes the music and creates the final video with the root of the head. with the rest of the band.

They both do it volun-tarily and have previously filmed landmarks including Stafford Castle and Doxey Marshes.

Patience

Richard, aged 31, from Stafford, said: "It was awe-Stafford, said: "It was awe-some to film. We always go out to places with nature like the Chase, which is right on our doorstep. When the snow comes in, there is

tne snow comes in, tnere is no better place to be.

"The film took three hours of patience and luck really to capture the robins and the deer. They just happened to walk by.

"We make music and film because it is a release and

we make music and min because it is a release and escapism. We film anywhere and everywhere in the out-doors that is calming. It took five hours to edit but it was not a chore, it was an

Richard first picked up a camera 12 years ago and taught himself how to use it.

Oldernar is also made up of Daniel John Marsden, 28, Tom Wilson, 29, and Leon

Richard added: "It does







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Trees come down in storm

DOZENS of trees came down in Stafford-shire as gusts of up to 70mph battered the

Staffordshire County Council received more than 50 reports of felled trees and had highways crews working through the night to remove debris and clear up roads.

Routes affected included the A34 Can-

erstone, Penkridge Bank Road, Penkridge Bank Road in Rugeley and Teddesley Road in Penkridge. Councillor Helen Fisher, support chief for highways and transport, said: "The strong winds which hit the county last Wednesday night brought dozens of trees down right across the county giving our highways crews a very busy night."

Burglar loses appeal over jail sentence

A Staffordshire man who was jailed after burgling a family homen deserved every day of his sentence, judges ruled. The majority of Sean Fraser Taylor's life has been blighted by addiction to hard drugs and the crimes which he commits to feed the habit, a court heard.

In July 2016, the 'persistent burglar' broke into a house in Southfields Close Stafford, near his then home, while a young family were sleeping upstairs. During that incident he took a mobile phone, tablet computer, handbag and wallet which, he said, he used to fund his consumption of heroin and crack cocaine.

In January last year, after bleading guilty at Stafford Crown Court to another

Students impress in

Alton Towers contest

James Hansell and Molly Turton with their 'think box' STUDENT designers have won the chance to create new

STUDENT designers have won the chance to create new branding for one of the UK's biggest entertainment companies. Alton Towers Education set a live brief for final year students on the Graphic Design and Illustration degree courses at Staffordshire University to come up with branding for the theme park's education programme.

The competition saw students present their ideas to the Alton Towers Resort marketing team, and duo James Hansell, 20 from Talke Pits and Molly Turton, 20 from Derby, impressed with their creative concept.

Jonny Harper, schools brand manager at Alton Towers

Jonny Harper, schools brand manager at Alton Towers Resort, said: "We had some insightful and innovative work on the day. However, I was blown away by the strength of the final proposal by James and Molly, who we are now working with on the project."

James and Molly's branding features a 'think box'. They cared to greate the resolution in the wiversity's president.

opted to create a real-life image in the university's special-ist photography studios instead of using design software.

Crown Court to another burglary and an attempted burglary, he was jailed for five years and four months. Now, three senior judges at the Court of Appeal in London have upheld the sentence, which they said was perfectly fair for some-one with Taylor's record. He had lived a 'life of crime' since he was a teen-

ager, first qualifying as a 'third strike' burglar in 2000, said Mr Justice Gar-

Addiction

And he had since been in court four more times for burglary offences.

The proceeds of his crimes went on feeding an addiction he had endured 'throughout his adolescence and adult life', he added.

Lawyers for Taylor, now

aged 36, argued before the judge, Lady Justice Sharp, and Judge Wendy Joseph QC that the sentence he received was too tough.

But rejecting the appeal

Mr Justice Garnham said: "In our judgment, the sentencing judge was entirely right to approach the matter

in the way he did.
"Sean Taylor is a persistent burglar. Whilst some judges may have been more lenient, we are quite una-ble to say this sentence was manifestly excessive.

The sentence was upheld.

Shire horse show

A SHOW featuring the world's largest gathering of Shire horses will mark its 140th anniversary at a Staf-fordshire event. The Na-tional Shire Horse Show is at the Staffordshire Showground for a third successive year, March 16 to 18.

under way

CONSTRUCTION special-

CONSTRUCTION special-ist Stepnell has begun work on a new Costa Coffee drive thru at Beacon Business Park in Stafford. Stepnell's West Midlands team, based in Kiddermin-ster, has been appointed by Peveril Securities to build the 1,800 sq ft unit at the entrance to the business park in Weston Road, with the scheme set to be handed over in mid-April.

Drive thru Young are human trafficking victims

COUNCILS in Staffordshire and the Black Country picked up 13 suspected child victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery in three months.

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New figures released by the National Crime Agency show how many referrals were made to the UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) from July to September last year.

There were 14 in the West Midlands region – five came from Dudley Council, four from Wolverhampton City Council. cil, three from Sandwell Council and one from both Walsall Council and Stafford Borough Council. All were children, apart from one adult referred from Dudley Council. West Midlands Police referred 27, including three chil-

dren, during the same period.

Much-loved boy died in 'a tragic accident'

THE death of a much-loved 13-year-old was a 'tragic accident', a coroner said. hristian Chandler died of his injuries after falling off his bike into the road and being hit by a bus.

He was described as a 'really special boy'. ohn Ellery, coroner for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, said the accident on the morning of October 16 could not have been avoided.

not have been avoided.
The youngster had lived
in Staffordshire for most
of his life and was a former
pupil at Lane Green First
School, Bilbrook, and had
also attended Cheslyn Hay
Sport and Community High
School

His family moved to Tel-

His family moved to Tel-ford just over a year ago. Mr Ellery told the inquest into Christian's death that it had been captured by the Arriva bus's CCTV camera system and that it was clear what had happened to the 13-year-old.

Reacted

The footage was not shown at the hearing.
A statement by motorist Wendy Jones, read out to the hearing in Telford, described how the bike had been 'flicked up' as Christian lost control.

He was struck by the bus despite efforts by the driver to take evasive action.

to take evasive action.

A West Mercia Police accident investigation report stated that bus driver



from a damaged bulb, which could have been caused by

the collision.

Christian was travelling to school at Ercall Wood Technology College at the

time.

He was said to have an 'unshakeable bond' with his twin brother Luke, who ran home to let mother Aimee know that something had

happened.

His heroic chase back to the house meant that Christian could spend his last mo-

ments with his mother.
Christian was a popular, funny boy who friends said Suzanne Williams, 50, had braked and 'reacted promptly'. It also said the bus had no defects apart and warmth.

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GP new leader of group

A LICHFIELD GP has become the new leader of NHS commissioners serving the city, Tamworth, Burntwood and Seisdon Peninsula. Dr Shammy Noor has taken over as chair of South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group following the retirement of Dr John James. The change takes place as Staffordshire's six CCGs are starting to work more closely together with a joint leadership team while still retaining their identities to allow key decisions to be made locally. Dr Noor worked in Derhyshire before moving to Lichfield three years ago. in Derbyshire before moving to Lichfield three years ago.



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Businesses 'showing confidence' in district

INVESTMENT confidence in the district is booming, according to Cannock Chase Council, following another 'speculative' commercial development gaining planning approval.

Work on the latest development

at Kingswood Lakeside – branded as Rapida – will soon be under way after being granted planning approval late

being grammar painting approval rate last year.

The 102,000 sq ft development is being marketed for manufacturing or logistics use and is set to be available for occupation during 2018.

The development is being built by Midlands-based Trebor Developments and backed by funding partner Kay Properties (Midlands) Ltd.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, portfolio leader for economic development and planning, said: "We are delighted to welcome these new investments to the district.

Investment

"The investment and speculative building demonstrates confidence in the district and the property market, which will create much needed employment opportunities, despite end users sometimes being unknown."
The 96-acre Kingswood Lakeside Em-

The 96-acre Kingswood Lakeside Employment Park was developed on a former opencast mining site. The latest investment is in addition to that by Opus Land which began construction during 2017 of two individually designed units of 153,635 sq ft and 129,550 sq ft respectively. Kingswood is already home to Veolia, APC Overnight, Hellermann Tyton, DHL, Bidvest and First Choice.

The A5 corridor has also seen an increase

The A5 corridor has also seen an increase in investment activity with new develop-ments taking place at Gallan Park where Oadby Plastics have recently relocated.

Lichfield Cathedral praised



Proud - Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield Cathedral

LICHFIELD Cathedral has received high praise from the Government, following a visit from the Minister for Faith.

Lord Nick Bourne toured the country to look into cathedrals' community involvement, commitments to promoting local economic growth and their place as continued sites of worship. Lichfield Cathedral had several mentions throughout

the report, being praised in technological advancement with the development of a new mobile phone app, architectural improvements and

artistic events.

Dean of Lichfield Cathedral
Adrian Dorber said: "We've put
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£160m deal for outlet village is unveiled

developers behind Wolverhampton's Westside leisure scheme have unveiled a £160 million deal to build and run Cannock's new Mill Green designer outlet village. U+I revealed last month it had become part of a

joint venture with a consortium managed by McArthurGlen, which has developed and runs nearly two dozen designer outlets across the UK and Europe,

including Cheshire Oaks.

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McArthurGlen will run
the new Mill Green outlet.
The consortium includes
the Richardson family,
founded by twins Don and
Roy, who built the Merry
Hill shopping centre. Don
Richardson died in 2007 and the business is now run by Roy's sons. In recent years it has been heavily involved

it has been heavily involved in designer outlet developments with McArthurGlen. Construction of Phase 1 will begin in the early part of this year and the opening is planned for spring 2020. Around 1,000 jobs will be created once it is fully open.

Option

The original plans were for a £115m retail scheme, but a statement from U+I talks of a 285,000 sq ft scheme with a price tag of £160m.

The joint venture is between U+I, McArthurGlen, Aviva Investors on behalf of Aviva Life & Pensions and the Richardson Family. U+I has retained a 12.5

U+1 has retained a 12.5 per cent interest in the joint venture and the consortium has acquired the remaining 87.5 per cent interest.
U+1 says its subsidiary DS Cannock had an option to acquire the scheme.
After a number of conditions in connection with the development of the site are fulfilled DS Cannock will transfer its right to acquire transfer its right to acquire the site and certain related work in progress to the joint venture vehicle Cannock Designer Outlet Ltd Part-

nership.

U+I is the developer for Wolverhampton's £55m city centre Westside leisure scheme, where work is due



'A major boost for district

to start early in the new year. Meanwhile, there are already high hopes that Mill Green could see the arrival of its second phase of shops as early as 2021.

Phase 1 will feature more Phase I will feature more than 80 stores plus restau-rants and cafes, a play area and 1,400 parking spaces, with views over the Mill Green Nature Reserve. There will also be an investment in landscaping and planting.

planting.

Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "The council has supported the outlet village scheme over many years, and I am pleased that it is now coming to fruition.

"It will become a major

"It will become a major tourist destination and is a major boost for Cannock

Tony McGovern, managing director of Cannock Chase Council, said: "The McArthurGlen Outlet Vil-lage will generate significant employment opportunities in the West Midlands and provide a regional shopping destination that is accessible and high quality.

Phone warning to drivers

STAFFORDSHIRE Police are reminding drivers they could get a £200 fine, six points on their licence and endanger those around them by using a phone while driving. This week, a national campaign backed by police forces across the UK is being held to clamp down on the problem. In Staffordshire, officers are 'mixing up enforcement activity on popular routes with events to educate the public on the dangers'. Using a mobile phone while driving has been illegal since 2003. In 2017 the police caught more than 1,000 drivers in Staffordshire using their phone at the wheel.

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Reported cyber crimes increase

THE number of reported cases of cyber crime in Staffordshire has increased, new figures show.

There were 430 action fraud reports in November – an increase from 359 in August, and a rise from just over 300 in August 2016.

in August 2016.

The figures are being out down to the public's vigilance and understanding of the issue.

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Arnold said: "The rise in cyber crime and online fraud has been alarming. But our ongoing campaign to underline the importance of being streetwise to cyber crime is already paying off – as reflected in the rise of reported frauds.

'It's important Staffordshire continues to be vigilant against such crime.'

against such crime.

An online fraud conference in November drew more than 400 industry champions and business leaders

Schools funding switch 'is Search and rescue a welcome step forward'

will move to the National Funding Formula after measures were agreed by councillors.

The county council's cabinet decided to move to the Government's new funding scheme, which will determine how the money is distributed.

It follows a government announce-ment in July that an additional £1.3 billion would be given to schools

nationally by 2019-20 with £416m help ensure Staffordshire children

being announced for 2018-19.

It means all schools will move from the existing Staffordshire formula, with education chiefs saying there will be an increase in funding

for every school place.

Councillor Philip White, cabinet support member for learning and skills, said: "Historically, Staffordshire has been one of the lowest funded authorities in terms of schools. For years we have been campaigning at a local and national level for fairer funding for our schools, to

receive the best education possible.

"As we move towards embracing the National Funding Formula, the news that schools in Staffordshire will get an extra £9.5 million is a

will get an extra £9.5 million is a welcome step forward.

"We will be working closely with schools to implement the new formula over the coming months.

"We will continue to push for fair funding for education in Staffordshire to give our schools, teachers and children the resources they need."

team wins funding THE Lowland Search and Rescue Team in Staffordshire have been given a cash donation by a builder to help support their essential service which is provided by volunteers. Persimmon Homes West Midlands, based in Wolverhampton, donated £1,000 to the rescue service through its Community Champions scheme.

hampton, donated £1,000 to the rescue service through its Community Champions scheme.

The company chose the service to benefit from its

monthly match-funded donation.

The Lowland Search and Rescue Team works in partnership with Staffordshire Police, West Midlands Ambulance Service, Staffordshire Fire and Rescue, and the Staffordshire Civil Contingencies Unit.

Spokesman Adrian Poole said: "We are Staffordshire's only approved volunteer lowland search and rescue team, with specialist training in locating and rescuing missing people in urban and rural lowland areas.









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COUNCIL bosses are drawing up a masterplan outlining swathes of land for housing and industrial development in the Cannock Chase district.

Cannock Chase Council adopted a Local Plan in 2014 to cover the period

up to 2028.

The second part of the document, which identified specific sites for building on, went out to consultation last year but now, went out to constitution has year out now, following changes by the Government to the planning system, the council has been prompted to draw up a new masterplan earlier than envisaged.

Councils prepare local plans to set out how land in their area will be used, whether this is for housing employment, showning.

this is for housing, employment, shopping,

leisure or an open space.

Plans also set policies for helping to determine whether a planning application should be approved.

Continue

Councillor Gordon Alcott, deputy leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "We had an excellent response to the consultation on Local Plan Part 2.

"A lot of people have asked how they can continue to play a role in shaping the district's future.

"Subject to council approval for the pro-"Subject to council approval for the pro-posals, we will be writing to everyone who has registered on the planning policy con-sultation database to explain the next steps and how they can continue to participate." To register, email planningpolicy@ cannockchasedc.gov.uk

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Progress updates will be added to the
website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/
planningpolicy
The proposals will be presented to the

cabinet today (Thursday) and subject to approval the new timetable for the Local Plan will be adopted by the council on Feb-

Hometown site completed



Cameron's Jenny Elworthy outside the new homes in Chasetown High Street

CHASETOWN construction company Cameron Homes has completed its first housing scheme in its

hometown. The firm has redeveloped a prominent location a few doors away from its head office in High Street. Chapel Court is on the site which was previously used by the Collis

furniture store and a former Victorian chapel.

"Having expanded into seven Midlands counties over recent years, we are pleased to have now built a new development so near to our head office," said Beverley Cole-man, sales manager. "This is an ex-citing, attractive project."



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The object was spotted by an-

tiques valuer Victoria Sheppard at a valuation event in Lichfield. She said: "It's a beautiful object

dating back to circa 1750, making it more than 260 years old. Its owner had no idea it was of any

Plate Raceday at Uttoxeter Racecourse, and a major ex-

hibition dedicated to New-castle-under-Lyme's Philip Astley, the father of the

Astley, the lather of the modern circus.

Last year, more than 60,000 people attended Staffordshire Day events, generating an estimated £1 million for the county's

economy.
Destination Staffordshire

is now busy working with Staffordshire County Coun-cil and other local authorities on the 2018 programme

Better

Councillor Mark Winning-ton, cabinet member for eco-nomic growth at the county council and vice-chair of Destination Staffordshire, said: "Our first two Staf-fordshire Days were a huge

success with thousands of people turning out for hun-dreds of events right across

"Last year we were also trending on Twitter on the day but this year we want

the celebrations to be even

bigger and better.

"The celebrations are a

great opportunity to shout about our great county."

For more information on Staffordshire Day, visit www.enjoystaffordshire.

Camra AGM

THE Cannock Chase branch of the Campaign for

Real Ale will be holding its annual general meeting at the Cross Keys Hotel in Hill

Street, Hednesford, on Sun-

the county.

What a week! Staffordshire Day extended

THIS year's Staffordshire Day extravaganza is set to take place over a week to give more people as possible the chance to get involved. As the official Staffordshire Day – May 1 – will fall on a Tuesday, coordinators Destination Staffordshire have extended the celebrations.

They will now begin the weekend before Staffordshire Day, on Saturday, April 28, and run until the weekend after – Saturday, May 5 and Sunday the 6th. It is hoped this will give people the opportunity to tell the world why they love Staffordshire, even if they are busy at work or school on Staffordshire Day itself.

Events already organised include the Staffordshire Day itself.

Show to celebrate the work of Dylan



Bill Lennon as Dylan Picture: Sally Rose McCormack

A NEW multimedia show celebrating the life and music of music legend and Nobel Prize winner Bob Dylan is rolling into Lichfield.

The Bob Dylan Story recreates 25 of the star's classic hits, while telling some of the fascinating tales behind

Bill Lennon, who plays the main man in the show, said: "We wanted to give Dylan's many fans the opportunity to hear the songs as they remember them, all in one sitting."

"Although many of Dylan's songs were hits for other artists – from Hendrix's All Along The Watchtower right up to Adele's Make You Feel My Love – we remain true to the original versions."

Bill's other credits include James Taylor in You've Got A Friend and Keith Richards in The Counterfeit Stones.

The Bob Dylan Story is at the Lichfield Garrick on February 10 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £22.50 available at www.li-chfieldgarrick.com or from the box office on 01543 412121.

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Race places | Revised scheme for running out old HQ site unveiled

FORMAL plans to build 142 homes at the old Staffordshire

Police headquarters site have been submitted.

The developer, Bellway, has now included the provision of 43 properties for social housing within the scheme at Baswich Park, Stafford.

The firm's initial proposal to dedicate the entire state to

privately owned homes had prompted a backlash.

Bellway applied to meet its affordable housing requirement by expanding another one of its developments.

But the move was rejected by Stafford Borough Council causing the company to amend its Baswich Park plans.

As a result the total number of homes has increased from 127 to 142. Bellway bought the site for £15 million in 2017.



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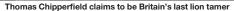
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Campaigners say public supports a ban on using wild creatures for entertainment









A lion at Peter Jolly's circus when it came to Market Drayton in 2014

Is it end of road for animals in circuses?

By Mark Andrews

THE ringmaster cheerily steps aside as four lions take their places on the stools.

The youngsters gasp in astonishment as one of the lions opens its jaws, and the lion tamer thrusts

his arm into the beast's mouth.

For generations of youngsters, watching performing circus animals was as much part of childhood as hopscotch and ice cream. Chipperfield's and Billy Smart's were names every youngsters was familiar with, and thousands would be drawn to see the big beasts every time the big top was in town.

Such scenes could very soon be a thing of the past. As the Great British circus celebrates its 250th anniversary, moves are thought to be afoot to outlaw the use of animals in circuses

mals in circuses.

Michael Gove, the Environment Secretary, is expected to propose a new law banning the use of animals in circuses in England this year, after previous attempts by the Government were thwarted by lack of parliamentary time. A bill originally proposed by David Cameron during his time as prime minister was due to have received its second reading last year, but was abandoned due to the General Election.

Mark Pritchard, MP for The Wrekin, has been one of Britain's leading campaigners for an end to animals in

Britain's leading campaigners for an end to animals in circuses for several years.

"I do believe the Government will bring forward a ban soon," he says. "The practice is cruel, antiquated an no longer necessary, given access to wild animals via modern media, and more people travelling abroad."

A spokesman for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirms that the Government

hopes to ban the use of animal in circuses soon. He said: "The Government wants to see an end to the use of wild animals in travelling circuses and will legislate for a ban as soon as parliamentary time allows."

Stunts

The British circus celebrates its 250th anniversary this month. In January 1768, trick horse-rider Philip As-tley was credited with creating a new form of entertain-ment when he marked out a ring and performed a series of stunts. Unlike most equestrian masters of the time, of stunts. Unlike most equestrian masters of the time, he performed he rode around in a circle – possibly giving rise to the name "circus" – and developed the act by filling the gaps in the programme by introducing acts such as acrobats and clowns. But the tradition of performing jungle animals is believed to have arrived in 1833, when American animal trainer Isaac A Van Amburgh walked into a cage containing several big cats.

Today, Peter Jolly's Circus in Craven Arms is one of only two circuses in England which are still licensed to use animals.

In 2016 the circus was at the centre of controversy In 2016 the circus was at the centre of controversy after campaign group Animal Defenders International (ADI) showed video footage in which it claimed animals were not being kept in suitable conditions.

The circus defended its record, saying: "We have held our licence to travel with performing wild animals for



The old days - performing elephants at Chipperfield's circus in 1961

four consecutive years and during this time we have had three inspections by Defra, two announced and one unannounced

"We also have to have four inspections per year by in-dependent vets making a total of seven inspections per year. These inspections are carried out while on tour and

at our winter quarters.

"All our inspection reports are available online at the Defra website for anyone to read."

The circus has in recent years included big cats trained by Thomas Chipperfield, from Cannock, who claims to be Britain's last lion tamer. A member of the famous Chipperfield circus dynasty, he says the existing licensing system is extremely strict, and that there is little scientific evidence that animals suffer as a result of being kept in

Mr Chipperfield also dismisses claims that the tricks

performed by circus animals are not natural. "This is a fiction of the animal rights movement," he says. "Tricks typically performed by circus tigers and lions, to give but two examples, include rolling over, sitting up, jumping and variations of the above. All of which are completely natural actions.

"The argument over whether or not its environment is 'artificial' is irrelevant. It is arguable that any captive animal lives in an artificial environment."

animal lives in an artificial environment.

He adds: "Almost all, if not every circus that features animals, either wild or domestic, advocates and encourages good animal welfare."

Mr Chipperfield also argues that circus animals play an educational role, if not in the show, in the 'zoo' session at the end where people can look at the livestock.

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"Here experienced keepers and the trainers are free to talk and answer questions from the visitors," he says. "A



Tammy Ashforth of Animal Defenders International pickets Peter Jolly's Circus



Campaigner - Mark Pritchard MP

number of circuses, including some which I have worked for, have staged educational presentations for school and university students.

university students."
But Mr Pritchard, who has in the past called for people to boycott Peter Jolly's Circus, says it is simply a case of exploiting wild animals for profit.
"Wild animals should be left in their natural habitats," he says. "There are plenty of successful circuses who do not force animals to perform."

Mr Pritchard calls on the Government to end the "barbaric" practice, and for the animals to be rehoused in

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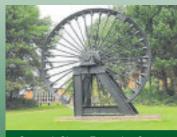
He appears to have public opinion on his side. Government consultation on the matter revealed that 94.5 per cent supported the ban.

Tim Phillips, of Animal Defenders International, says: "Circuses are no fun for animals."

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Enterprising venture's success

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Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre, located in the heart of Cannock Chase, is the largest. It offers 25 unfurnished office units, 29 workshops and 26 industrial units, in sizes ranging from 108 to 1500sq ft. During 2018, it will celebrate 32 years of success.

It started when the council purchased the former West Cannock No 5 Colliery in March 1983. The land bought by the county council included some 250 acres of coal stocking land which was the subject of a reclamation scheme funded by the department for the environment. The aim was to refund the land to public open space as part of Cannock Chase.

This work was completed and the country park was opened by Councillor John O'Leary the then vice chairman of the county council



Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre, Walkers Rise, off Rugeley Road, Hednesford

in March 1989. The pithead buildings, the bath house, the lamp room complex, some workshops and garages, the canteen and the colliery offices were also included and have been refurbished and sub-divided as the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre, which opened for business in October 1986.

Phase One had approximately 45 units.

Interest exceeded all expectations, so the council refurbished approximately 15 more units as Phase 2 using its own funds of £20,000. These were completed by March 31 1987 by Linford Builders of Cannock. A further 10 units for rent by short term tenancy agreements were completed and opened in December 1993 and a further 16 in January

1997, a few other unused rooms were made available for rent. All office units are available to let on flexible monthly 'easy-in easy-out' licence. The workshops are also available to let. Facilities on site include meeting room

Facilities on site include meeting room with wi-fi, free parking, CCTV, on-site cafe, communal WC, gardens, kitchen and breakout area, window cleaning and grounds



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Pithead from the old West Cannock No5 colliery

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Despite its proximity to Shrewsbury town centre, the site at Love2Stav was a charming enclave, isolated from the rest of the world, and a carefully cultivated rural paradise for its guests Our check-in was straightforward and easy - despite our evening arrival - and the reception staff were both helpful and friendly. Our attendant directed us to the quaint meandering path from the main reception to the lodge park, which was carefully isolated from the rest of the complex to give a real sense of peaceful seclusion.

Our lodge was situated at the top of a shallow bank, and with daylight would offer a stunning view of the surrounding countryside. Though for now, this could certainly wait. As we walked up the steps to the lodge the first sight that greeted us was the state-of-the-art private hot tub on the porch area.

The canvas, tent-like entrance to our lodge was then opened to reveal an interior more reminiscent of a premium woodland cabin or country retreat. Replete with interior log-burner and heated flooring, this was no tent - this was charming rural

The lodge came with all the facilities needed to enjoy a fantastic self-



The glamping lodges at Love2Stay on the outskirts of Shrewsbury were a sight to behold at both day and night

catering staycation. kitchen area with a breakfast bar, fridge and cooker, provisions were easily prepared. The lodge slept six - one master room with a double bed, and another room with bunkbeds. The other children's room and one of the most lovely features of the lodge - was a cabin-style. double-sleeper den, accessible via a short step ladder, and fronted by a charming wooden swing door.

Sumptuous

Decked out with sumptuous furnishings including two sofas, a dining table and a TV in the main living area, the lodge was fit for a king. The bathroom – featuring a substantial bath, a power shower and underfloor heating - was perfect, and the ideal place to prepare and pamper yourself.

While far from being a tent, the canvas- fronted nature of the lodge meant that naturally, it wasn't possible to lock it. Though our lodge, along with all the others, came complete with a safe that could be used to safely store valuables

The hot tub itself was a dream.

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Favourites

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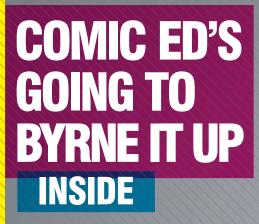
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tand-up star Ed Byrne is returning to the West Midlands with his new show, Spoiler Alert. He will headline Stafford Gatehouse tomorrow and Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday.

Ed is on the road after a total sell-out Edinburgh Fringe run with his biggest ever tour to date. He says: "I originally intended to call the show 'I'll Millennial You in a Minute', but my promoter considered the title 'off-puttingly baffling'."

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In the show, Ed explores the thin line between righteous complaining and brat-like whining and asks, 'are we right to be fed up, or are we spoiled?'
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Ed is recognised as one of the finest observational comics in the industry. His TV credits include Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You, The Graham Norton Show, Live At The Apollo, The One Show, Comic Relief Bake Off 2015, The World's Most Dangerous Roads and, most recently, he and Dara O Briain filmed the follow up to their Big Adventure show for BBC Two entitled Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay.

He will return to the region to headline Lichfield's Garrick on April 24.

Ed has been an acclaimed stand-up (with audiences and critics alike) for 20 years. His success with shows such as the Roaring Forties, Different Class and the 1998 Perrier-nominated A Night At The Opera led to him appearing on the box in the diverse likes of Mock The Week, Father Ted, The One Show and All Star Mr & Mrs, while his love of hillwalking resulted in him writing a regular column for The Great Outdoors magazine.

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In fact, his love of natural history has crossed into television with appearances on The One Show (abseiling in Snowdonia), Countryfile (climbing Sgùrr Dearg, the 'inaccessible pinnacle' on Skye) and presenting items on Volcano Live (BBC).

The Irish comic is firmly of a belief that the current breed of parents spoil their kids rotten whether it's to do with the ever-increasing size of garden trampolines, or his own kids' demand for elderflower cordial.

"My dad wasn't a bad dad, he was just a 1970s dad. If I could never see my children ever again from this moment on, I've already done more parenting then he did in my entire life. But, of course, I made a conscious decision that I was going to be an awesome dad. My wife will come back with tales from her friends of how awful their husbands are and she'll see me smiling and say 'alright, stop congratulating yourself just because such and such can't be left alone with their children for two minutes'."

In his new touring show, the perfectly-titled Spoiler Alert, Ed compares and contrasts the old-school childrearing days with 21st century methods and suggests that there are different ways to learn how to be a mum or dad. "I grew up in what I would call an aspirational

"I grew up in what I would call an aspirational household in that my parents bettered themselves over the course of my childhood. My mother was a radiographer and ended up a lecturer in radiography, while my dad was a sheet metal worker and went up to a supervisory role. I'd still say that you are expected to do a lot more parenting than our parents did and that's a weird thing because you tend to think that your parents are who you learnt parenting from. But you don't, really, it's more that you look around to see what's going on with other parents."

For the show, Ed extends his analysis on the culture of entitlement to look at areas where we could perhaps do with being spoiled a little bit more. "Where I think we're not acting spoiled enough is in the political arena. We have a tendency to accept what's happening and that's where we should be acting more entitled: we are literally entitled to the government we want. We're spoiled in all these little ways, but not spoiled enough."

As well as stories about his two young sons, Ed weaves in routines about running out of petrol in the most awkward place imaginable, helping rescue an injured



man in the Cairngorms, and the nation-dividing campaign and result of the EU referendum. His way of tackling Brexit is to draw an analogy with the time his son was determined to touch an electric fence with his dad trying to warn him of the dangers.

"I was telling the story of the electric fence for a while, and then suddenly it struck me that it was Brexit in microcosm. I don't want to alienate half of the population or maybe a third of my audience, but it works as an analogy whichever side you're on. The government told you not to do this and that it would be a terrible idea, but you said 'no, we want to do it anyway'. So now we're doing it and it's proving a terrible idea. I do think it's a fair analogy, but no doubt for some it will come across as me being a typical liberal elite Remoaner."

Spoiler Alert also continues a theme that he's tackled in previous shows, that of his gradual shift from being a working-class Dubliner to a fully paid-up rural-residing member of the middle classes. Where once he would do routines slating 4x4 owners, he is now the proud(ish) owner of such a vehicle. And in the poster for his tour, he brandishes other signifiers of social mobility: a bowtie and chainsaw. "It's one of two I own: that one is the smaller of the two," Ed remarks of his chainsaw rather than his neckwear. "I use it for firewood, both for my wood burning stove and also for the barbecue. The first time I used one I was fine, though I think it worried my parents

I keep a tour diary now of places where the curries are disappointing

that I had bought a chainsaw." Having premiered Spoiler Alert at the Fringe and used the month of August to hone the show, Ed is happy. "Being on stage is enjoyable and this part of the writing process is enjoyable. The empty page though is a scary thing. On the first leg of the tour I'll do about an hour and 15 minutes, plus I'll have a support act. I keep a tour diary now of places where the curries are disappointing and where they are good and where audiences have been good before."

 For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Express & Star every Friday.



We're delighted to now be headline act in Brum

THEY'RE starting their headline tour at Birmingham's Institute next Thursday, February 1.

And The Amazons couldn't be happier about that. Because in a former life and in a former band, they once played there as a blink-and-you'll-miss-them support act

Frontman Matt Thomson and bandmates Elliot Briggs and Chris Alderton opened for The Mystery Jets back in 2012.

"That feels like a long time ago," says Matt, whose band enjoyed a top ten hit with their self-titled debut album in Mav.

"We landed a support slot with The Mystery Jets. It was us and Swim Deep on the bill. I only just caught

up with the Mystery Jets at a Christmas party at the end of last year. I told them they were great to us when we were supporting them. We had a really good time. So to go back to that same venue, but as the headline act. is really important to us. It's going to be great."

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The Amazons formed in 2014 in Reading and were snapped up by Fiction Records in 2015. They recorded their debut album in 2016 and released it in May. It went straight in at number eight, cementing their status as one of Britain's most exciting new bands.

By then they had been included in the BBC's Sound of 2017 and MTV's Brand New 2017 lists. They were also named a band to listen to in 2017 by NME, The Independent and BBC Radio 1. This is the year when they must deliver on that promise.

Jonn hopes his talk will be Atomic

Ned's Atomic Dustbin frontman Jonn Penney has been thinking about writing his autobiography.

He's 50, he's got a couple of kids

and he wants to write down his
stories before he forgets them.
The only trouble is he doesn't

The only trouble is he doesn't know where to start. So he's planning a special appearance at Wolverhampton Literature Festival tomorrow (Saturday) at the city's Slade Rooms from 8.45pm. He'll be with Neds' guitarist Ratt – playing songs, telling stories and answering questions.

Jonn explains: "The thing is, I'm

too damn lazy to do it myself. I'm also frightened at the prospect of writing enough words to make a book. And also, as has been said, I'm very much a reactionary person and I need a nudge. I sat down and started writing this book and I couldn't remember. So we thought we'd do something where people can prompt me – where the fans can ask questions and jog my memory – then I'll be able to do it.

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"Once the fans get me started,
they transport me back to my flat
in Lye where I'm hungover and it's
early in the morning and I've just
written a few lyrics. I'm a waffler, so
I just need encouragement to get

me going.I'm not stupid

enough to think there's a massive market out there for the memoirs of a singer from a lesser known indie band from England. But it's worth having it down somewhere."

Jonn has played a huge number of gigs during his career, headlining festival stages, playing sell out gigs at Wolves Civic Hall and featuring on Top of the Pops. He will be fronting the Neds again at a sold out 02 Academy in Birmingham at the Love From Stourbridge gig with The Wonder Stuff on April 14, the first of two consecutive nights at the

Dance, romance and murder on stage

Dance dominates over the next few days with Strictly's Anton de Beke and Erin Boag in action at the Symphony Hall on Saturday with dancers, singer Lance Ellington and the London Concert Orchestra. Then the Russian State Ballet of Siberia make their annual visit to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre to present The Nutcracker (Sunday, matinee), Romeo and Juliet (Monday) and Swan Lake (Tuesday). Meanwhile, murder swap thriller Strangers on a Train is at the New Alexandra Theatre (Monday-Saturday) with John Middleton (Emmerdale), Christopher Harper (Coronation Street) and Hannah Tointon (Mr Selfridge). Carole King musical Beautiful returns to Birmingham Hippodrome from Wednesday and the romantic Brief Encounter opens at Birmingham Rep on Friday, February 2.

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the Hare and Hounds
in Kings Heath with
Americans Wand on Monday
and Moon Duo on Tuesday. Will
Varley previews his Spirit of Minnie album at the 02
Institute on Tuesday, the same night Terry Bickers
(House of Love/Levitation) teams up with Pete Fij
at Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton.



All Together Now (BBC1, 7.15pm)

New series. Rob Beckett hosts the musical talent show with a twist, as a range of singers step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize. The judging panel takes the form of 'The 100', a large collective of music experts and performers from all over the UK led by Geri Horner. However, in this talent show the key to success is encouraging the judges to sing along too, and the more panellists each singer manages to win over, the better their chances of proceeding to the grand final.

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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday. (R) 12.00 Football Focus. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Tennis: Australian Open 2018. 2.30 Live Bowls: World Indoor Championships. Coverage of the open singles semi-finals. 4.30 Final Score. 5.25 BBC News. 5.35 Regional Programme. 5.40 And They're Off for Sport Relief.

6.25 Pointless Celebrities. Mark Steel. Marcus Brigstocke, Nicky Campbell, Rachel Burden, Liz Kershaw, DJ Nihal, Shaun Keaveny and Nemone take part in a radio-themed edition of the quiz.

7.15 All Together Now. New series.
Rob Beckett hosts the musical talent show in which contestants must successfully encourage members of a 100-strong judging panel to sing along with them to

8.20 Casualty. Dylan struggles to keep Casualty. Dylan struggles to keep his alcoholism under control, as staff on the ED deal with what is suspected to be a case of domestic abuse. Meanwhile, Ethan's first day as Clinical Lead fails to go according to plan, as he finds himself veering wildly from one disaster to another, and he starts to understand the real pressure of leading a team.

BBC News; Weather.

Hard Sun. Hicks uncovers the

9.30 Hard Sun. Hicks uncovers the Hard Sun. Hicks uncovers the extent of Renko's investigation into the Alex Butler murder, and journalist Will Benedetti's connection to Hard Sun makes him the spree killer's next target. When Blackwood publicly announces that only Fr Dennis can stop him killing again, the priest is immediately cast as a ligure of public hate, and London rigure of public nate, and London becomes a city under siege. With chaos unfolding all around, Grace gives Daniel some shocking information about his father. Pre-apocalyptic thriller, starring Agyness Deyn.

10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights. Gary Lineker presents action from the fourth-round ties, action from the fourth-round ties including Newport Country v Tottenham Hotspur at Rodney Parade and Liverpool v West Bromwich Albion at Anfield; National Lottery Update.

12.00 The NFL Show. 12.30 Film: What Doesn't Kill You. (2008) 2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 The Wonder of Animals. (R) 6.35
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Tom Kerridge: Lose Weight for Good. (R)
6.15 Hugh's Wild West. Hugh FearnleyWhittingstall investigates efforts to
bring beavers back to the DorsetDevon border, and a swan herd at
Abbotsbury Swannery rounds up
his charges for a health check.
7.15 A Houss Through Time. David
Olusoga follows the story of the
Liverpool house residents from
1891 to 1945, including a family of
saddlers who lived there for four
decades and a docker with a
secret. (R)

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Dad's Army. Mainwaring and the platoon dress as firemen to take part in an initiative exercise, but soon find themselves tackling a real fire. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

8.45 Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.
Paul Murton travels into the secret
heart of the Rough Bounds of
Knoydart, by way of Loch nan
Umbh, Loch Morar, Loch Nevis
and Loch Arkaig.

9.15 QI XL. Josh Widdicombe, Stephen K Amos and Cally Beaton join regular panellist Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig in an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.

10.00 Darcey Bussell: Dance Beyond
Boundaries. The former ballerina
reveals how street dance group
Boy Blue Entertainment and Canadian-based ice dancing collective Le Patin Libre are helping to revolutionise modern

10.30 Film: Birdman: Or (The 10.30 Film: Birdman: Or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance). (2014) Premiere. A faded movie star wrestles with a personal crisis as he tries to put on a disaster-afflicted Broadway play. Oscarwinning drama, with Michael Keaton and Edward Norton.

12.20 Bowls: World Indoor Championships Highlights. 1.20 Film: Girl with a Pearl Earring. (2003) 2.55 This Is BBC Two.

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 S.20 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates another round of viewer-submitted comedy clips, including a hoverboard destroying an office, and a man falling through a casino ceiling.

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6.45 Take Me Out. A warehouse worker from Wolverhampton and a musician from Leicester are among the men seeking the approval of Paddy McGuinness's panel of 30 single ladies.
8.00 The Voice UK. The fourth round of Blind Auditions arrives as Emma

The Voice UK. The fourth round of Blind Auditions arrives, as Emma Willis ushers another selection of would-be stars onto the stage to have their skills appraised. As ever, coaches Jennifer Hudson, Tom Jones, Will. am and Olly Murs are all seated with their backs to the contestants, meaning they must judge each performer's skill based solely on the power of their voice. Any of the would-be stars who are welcomed to join a coach's team will be in with a chance of will be in with a chance of ultimately claiming a record deal with Polydor.

9.30 Through the Keyhole. Stephen Mulhern, Louis Walsh and Rochelle Humes form the panel as Keith Lemon challenges them to guess the mystery owners of three more celebrity homes.

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10.45 Film: Jaws: The Revenge. (1987)
The remaining members of the
Brody family are terrorised by a
bloodthirsty great white shark in
the Bahamas. Thriller sequel, starring Michael Caine, Lorraine Gary and Lance Guest.

12.15 Jackpot247. 3.00 Babushka. (R)

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6.15 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) 6.40
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6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy
West and Prunella Scales explore
the Marne-Rhine Canal. Last in the

series. (R) Village of the Year. Archaeologist Alex Langlands, garden designer Juliet Sargeant and craft expert Patrick Grant are called on to decide which five villages from this week's heats should claim a place in the grand final. Plus, Peneloge Keith hears more from the five contenders in the South East Zone.

9.00 Holocaust: The Revenge Plot. Holocaust: The Revenge Plot.
Documentary, making use of previously undisclosed recordings and candid interviews to tell the story of the Avengers, a secret organisation of Holocaust survivors who came up with a brutal plot in 1946 to seek vengeance on behalf of the six million. Jews killed by Hitler and the Nazis. In the dying days of the Second World War, "warrior-poet" Abba Kovner came to the conclusion that the prosecution of a handful of Nazis would not amount to justice, and instead amount to justice, and instead claimed only "an eye for an eye" could possibly redress the balance. With the help of a band of balance. With the help of a band of like-minded individuals, Kovner planned to murder six million Germans by infiltrating cities and poisoning water supplies. This film also showcases a clandestine recording, made in 1985 at the dying Kovner's request, that identifies all the leading conspirators and how they carried out their operations.

out their operations.

10.00 Film: The Monuments Men.
(2014) Fact-based drama, directed by and starring George Clooney.

12.20 Film: Snake Eyes. (1998) 2.00
The Last Leg. (R) 2.55 Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

SATURDAY'S TV JANUARY 27

6.00 Milkshake! 10.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. 10.45 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) 11.10 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.05 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.05 The A-Team. (R) 2.05 The A-Team. (R) The A-Team. (R) 2.05 The A-Team. (R) 3.00 Nightmare Tenants. Slum J. J. J. L. J. In A. Team. (R)
J. J. W. Nightmare Tenants, Slum
Landlords. (R) 4.00 Nightmare Tenants,
Slum Landlords. (R) 5.00 Rich House,
Poor House. (R)
6.00 The Ward

6.00 The Wonderful World of Puppies. The development of puppies' senses. The dalmatian litter has senses. The dalmatian litter has reached six weeks old. As a breed they are susceptible to deafness, so they are taken for to the vet for a crucial hearing test. A new litter of golden doodles reveal how puppy eyesight develops week by week, cameras track the progress of a springer spaniel as he begins training to become a mountain search-and-rescue dog, and the labrador puppies reach six weeks old – time to find out if they have the senses and skills to asset heir the senses and skills to pass their auide doa test.

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Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind

Ups. Joe Pasquale revisits more
celebrity pranks, including the
time Justin Bieber's elaborate trick
for Taylor Swift, and incognito
meet-and-greets with Michael
Buble and Mark Hamill.

Blind Date. Paul O'Grady plays matchmaker for a reformed "bad-boy" and a nightclub hostess, and past couples Jonathan and Kelly, and Joanna and David return to dish the dirt on their dates.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.05 Football on 5: The Championship.
Colin Murray introduces highlights
from the weekend's games, including Bristol City v Queens Park Rangers, and Ipswich Town v Wolverhampton Wanderers.

10.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Catching up with the celebrities as they react to Friday night's double eviction, revealing how the departure of two housemates has affected the remaining contestants.

11.05 The X-Files. Mulder and Scully o Ine X-Files. Mulder and Scully uncover a medical laboratory where extreme genetic experimentation has been going on for decades, breeding subjects who possess unexpected and dangerous powers. (R)

12.00 Britain's Greatest Bridges. 12.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 Film: Enemies Closer. (2013) 4.30 Access. 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Busters. (R)

7.00 Children of the Holocaust 8.00 7.00 children of the Holocaust - Freddie Knoller's War 9.00 Spiral 10.55 Top of the Pops: 1985 12.05 The Easybeats to AC/DC: The Story of Aussie Rock 1.05 New York Rock at the BBC 2.05 Joy of the Guitar Riff 3.05 Close

TIV2

11.30 Take Me Out 12.45 You've Been FramedI Gold 1.10 Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) 2.10 FYI Daily 2.15 Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) 3.25 Film: The Flinistones (1994) 4.25 Film: The Flinistones (1994) 5.10 Film: The Flinistones (1994) 5.10 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) 6.15 FYI Daily 6.20 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) 6.00 Film: Rat & Furious 5 (2011) 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 Film: Tast & Furious 5 (2011) 11.35 Family Guy 12.35 American Dadl 1.35 Ibiza Weekender 2.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.55 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen ITV3

ITV3
1.50 Rosemary & Thyme 2.55 Film:
Columbo: Sex and the Married Detective
(1989) 4.55 Midsomer Murders 11.00
Foyle's War 1.00 On the Buses 2.00 ITV3
Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham. 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Cheltenham. Coverage of Festival Trials Day 4.00 Film: Ferris Bueller's Day 0ff (1986) 5.00 Film Erris Bueller's Day 0ff (1986) 6.05 Storage Wars 7.00 Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of day two from Milton Keynes. 11.00 Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) 12.05 FYI Daily 12.10 Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005) 11.00 Camera 2.10 Tim Seasult on Precinct 13 (2005) 1.10 Car Crash Global: Caught on Camera 2.10 Tim Perfectors 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

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11.40 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks:
The Squeakquel (2009) 1.30 Film: Toy
Story That Time Forgot (2014) 2.00 The
Goldbergs 4.30 The Big Bang Theory
9.00 Film: The Inbetweeners Movie
(2011) 11.00 Gogglebox 12.00 Naked
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Mother 5.15 Rude(sh) Tube
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11.00 Courage Mountain (1990) 1.00
Stuart Little 2 (2002) 2.35 Patton (1970)
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and Kings (2014) 11.55 The Midnight
Meat Train (2008) 2.00 Series 7: The
Contenders (2001) 3.55 Close





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SUNDAY'S TV JANUARY 28



Brenda Blethyn

(ITV. 8pm) The dead body of a teenage boy is found in a reservoir near a remote rural timber community. Vera and her team investigate, and discover that the boy had already been missing for three days prior to his death. However, the case is complicated by an apparent conspiracy of silence, as many of the townsfolk refuse to cooperate with the police investigation. A complex web of relationships between the victim's friends and family slowly emerges, with many dark secrets that could have driven someone to kill. Brenda Blethyn, Kenny Doughty, Jon Morrison and Kingsley Ben-Adir

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast, 7.30 Match of the Day:
FA Cup Highlights, (R) 9.00 The Andrew
Marr Show, 10.00 The Big Questions,
11.00 Regional Programme, 12.15
Bargain Hunt, (R) 1.00 BBC News;
Weather, 1.15 Morey for Nothing, (R)
2.00 Songs of Praise, 2.35 Big Cats, (R)
3.35 Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup.
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6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits a sheep farm in Crieff run by two sheep farm in Crieft run by two brothers who are preparing to follow in the footsteps of their father and sister by joining the British Olympic curling team. Charlotte Smith goes in search of the perfect trees to make cabers for the Highland Games, Adam Henson discovers how the local climate gives Cornish sheep farmers an advantage, and Tom Hean reports on the culling of Heap reports on the culling of mountain hares in the Scottish

7 30 Still Onen All Hours Granville tries to stop Madge from moving away and taking Mavis with her – but there is only one person who can change their minds, and he has been dead for years.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Lucille is on duty when a friend of Valerie's goes into labour – but when the patient's health deteriorates, the new recruit is accused of incompetence by her

9.00 McMafia. Alex fears his family are under threat when Vadim learns the truth about him – but his paranoia about a surveillance operation drives a wedge between him and Rebecca.

10.00 BBC News.

10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day: FA Cup
Highlights. Action from the latest
fourth-round ties – Norwich City
or Chelsea v Newcastle United and
Cardiff City V Manchester City.

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11.05 The Women's Football Show.
look at the biggest issues in the women's game, focusing on matters at both club and international level.

11.40 Teenage Knife Wars. Jermaine Jenas investigates the spike in knife crime that is devastating young lives. (R)

12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) 6.20
The Instant Gardener. (R) 7.05
Gardeners' World. (R) 7.35 Monty Don's
Paradise Gardens. (R) 8.35 Countryfile.
(R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.
11.00 Food & Drink. (R) 11.30 Homes
Under the Hammer. (R) 12.00 Nature's
Perfect Partners: Natural World. (R) 1.00
Tennis: Australian Open 2018. 2.30 Live
Bowls: World Indoor Championships.
5.15 Ski Sunday.
6.00 Britain's Cycling Superhernes:

6.00 Britain's Cycling Superheroes: The Price of Success. The controversy surrounding Britain's international cyclists. (R)

international cyclists. (R) Yellowstone: The Toughest Spring. Cameras follow as winter turns to spring in Yellowstone during 2016, capturing the re-emergence of a range of animals, who leave their winter dens to explore the new, green world. (R)

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8.00 Dragons' Den. More
entrepreneurs present their
money-making ideas to the
panellists, including pitches for
natural raw dog food, a date-based
smoothie and a free-running

9.00 Chris Packham: In Search of the Lost Girl. The naturalist goes in search of a member of a nomadic search of a meniuer of a normalistribe in Sumatra whom he photographed 20 years previously, and discovers the impact of deforestation on the country.

10.00 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)

10.30 Insert Name Here. Tom Davis, Kate Williams, Robert Peston and Aisling Bea join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer Sue

Widdicombe to answer Sue
Perkins' questions about famous
namesakes. (R)

11.00 Cleverman. New series. Koen
comes back to life stronger
than ever, a mysterious stranger
comes to the aid of his surviving
followers and Slade begins
carrying out experiments on the
Hairies.

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11.55 Film: Norfolk. (2015) Premiere. A mercenary leads an idyllic life with his son, until the day when a mysterious stranger pushes him into one last mission. Drama, with Denis Manochet Denis Menochet.

1.15 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.15 Holby City. (R) 3.15 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty, 6.10 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.35 Dio Dana. (R) 6.50 Super 4. (R) 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.05 Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six 7.30 Scrambled!: Be Scrambled! 7.35 Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) 7.55 Scrambled!: Ben 10. 8.10 Scrambled! Meant and Scrambled! Spy School. 9.05 Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 River Monsters. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 11.00 The Martin Lewis Money Show. (R) 11.30 The Voice UK. (R) 12.35 TIV News. Weather. 1.10 Britains Brightest Family. (R) 1.40 The Cruise: Return to the Mediterranean. (R) 2.10 Film: You've Got Mail. (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. 4.30 Regional Programme: Weather. 4.01 TIV News; Weather. 5.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) Celebrity Special. (R)

6.00 Dancing on lee. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the skating challenge, with the 10 remaining contestants and their professional partners performing to impress the judges and avoid

8.00 Vera. A teenage boy is found dead in a reservoir near a remote rural town. Vera takes on the case, and uncovers a web of fractured relationships within the community. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

magazine, presented by Robert
Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)

11.10 Next of Kin. Mona returns to the

of betrayal, conspiracy and murder after her brother's kidnapping brings buried family secrets to light, starring Archie Panjabi, Jack Davenport, Claire Skinner and Viveik Kalra. (R)

12.05 Great Art. Tim Marlow explores the life and work of Rembrandt. (R) 1.00 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. 3.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium. (R) 3.50

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (R) 6.20 The King of Oueens. (R) 1.71 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 2.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 2.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 2.00 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch 12.30 Jamie and Jimmys Friday Night Feast. (R) 1.30 Jamie's Quick & Easy Food. (R) 2.00 The Simpsons. (R) 2.35 Films. (R) 2.55 The Simpsons. (R) 2.35 Films. Simpsons. (n) 2-25 The Simpsons. (n) 2-55 The Simpsons. (R) 3.25 Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties. (2006) Family comedy, with the vioice of Bill Murray. 4.55 Film: How to Train Your Dragon. (2010) Animated fantasy, with the voice of Jay Baruchel.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Rept Payer. James took drives as

0.40 Challine 4 wews.
7.00 Posh Pawn. James test drives an Austin A35 van and meets 1980s pop star Leee John, who is hoping to sell a collection of jewellery he believes is worth £40,000. Claudia visits the Manchester store to appropriate some designer hars appraise some designer bags

appraise some designer bags. The Biggest Little Railway in the World. The track approaches Inverness, but has to cross the 60-metre Aberchalder Viaduct first. Dick suggests switching the stamengine with an electric one, to the outrage of the purists on the team. An ingenious solution is developed to cross a flight of steps on the approach to the city. In the forests surrounding Loch Ness, the track laying team's spirits are flagging and Molly considers quitting the project.

SAS: Who Dares Wins. The remaining recruits are challenged to dive backwards and blindfolded into a reservoir from a gangplank 10 metres up, before moving on to the most psychologically demanding stage of training resisting interrogation. A simulated capture puts the friendship between two of the group to the test, as they are pushed towards betraying one

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 10.008 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.
Jimmy Carr hosts the comical
words-and-numbers quiz, with
Alan Carr and Josh Widdicombe
taking on Joe Wilkinson and Sara
Pascoe. Bill Bailey helps out in
Dictionary Corner. (R)

11.00 Film: Side Effects. (2013) Thriller,
starring Jude Law.
1.00 Holocaust: The Revenge Plot. (R)
1.55 The Supervet. (R) 2.50 Coast vs
Country. (R) 3.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly.
4.10 Coast vs Country. (R)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 Milkshakel: Little Princess. 6.10
Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.20 Poppy
Cat. (R) 6.35 Wissper. (R) 6.40 Milkshakel Monkey. (R) 6.45 Simon. (R)
6.55 Peppa Pig. (R) 7.05 Paw Patrol. (R)
7.15 Thomas A Friends. (R) 7.25
Fireman Sam. (R) 7.40 Olly the Little
White Van. (R) 7.45 Blaze and the
Monster Machines. (R) 8.10 Paw Patrol.
(R) 8.25 Nella the Princess Knight. 8.40
Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) 9.00 Ben
and Holly Sittle Kingdom. (R) 9.15
Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.30 Digby
Dragon. (R) 9.45 Teenage Mutant Kinja
Turlies. 10.20 Football on 5: The
Championship. (R) 11.15 Police
Interceptors. (R) 12.15 Police
Interceptors. (R) 12.15 Police
Interceptors. (R) 12.15 Police
Interceptors. (R) 11.5 Film: Robin Hood:
Prince of Thieves. (1991) Action
adventure, starring Kevin Costner. 4.15
Film: A Cinderella Story. (2004) 5.20 5
News Update. 5.25 Film: A Cinderella
Story. (2004) Concluded.
6.00 Film: Johnny English Reborn.

6.00 Film: Johnny English Reborn (2011) A bumbling former sec (2011) A bumbling former secret agent is lured out of seclusion to foil an attempt to assassinate the premier of China. Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson and Gillian Anderson

Billionaire Kids: Diamond Lives Documentary about the luxurious lives of children from wealthy families, as well as the companies able to make a profit by catering to the youngsters' every whim.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. With two housemates evicted on Friday night, the remaining celebrities embark on their final week, knowing only one of them can be crowned winner on Friday

10.05 Film: The Boy Next Door. (2015) Premiere. A newly single teacher's flirtation with a handsome teenager living next door begins to spiral out of control. Thriller, tarring Jennifer Lopez and Ryan

11.35 Film: Her Last Will. (2016) a plan to drive an old woman insane to allow her children to inherit the family fortune. Thriller, starring Rya Kihlstedt and Patrick Fischler.

1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 Celebrity 100 Per Cent Hotter: The BIG Challenge. (R) 4.00 Britain's Greatest Bridges. (R) 4.45 House Doctor. (R) 5.10 Great Artists. (R) 5.35 House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four 7.00 Only Connect 7.30 University Challenge 8.00 The Coffee Trail with Simon Reeve 9.00 Timeshift: The Men Who Built the Liners 10.00 Machines 11.05 BBC Proms 2017 12.35 Classic Soul at the BBC 1.35 Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection 2.35 Timeshift: The Men Who Built the Liners 3.05 Close

ITV2

11.35 Take Me Out 12.55 The Voice UK
2.20 Film: Yogi Bear (2010) 3.20 FYI
Daily 3.25 Film: Yogi Bear (2010) 3.55
Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 5.10 FYI
Daily 5.15 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 5.45 FIlm: The Hobbit: An
Unexpected Journey (2012) 6.45 FYI
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Unexpected Journey (2012) 9.00 Ibiza
Weekender 10.00 Family Gily 11.30
American Dadl 12.25 The Cleveland
Show 1.15 Release the Hounds 2.10
Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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Nightscreen Nightscreen

ITV3

11.55 Lewis 1.55 Foyle's War 6.00
Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Paul
O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs 9.00
Tonight at the London Palladium 10.00
Birds of a Feather 11.05 Film: Evil Unde
the Sun (1982) 1.20 Blue Murder 2.40
Rosemary & Thyme 3.55 Road to
Avonlea 5.35 ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

12.45 Darts: The Masters Live. Coverage of day three from Milton Keynes, 5.00 Storage Wars 6.00 Pawn Stars 7.00 Darts: The Masters Live. Further coverage of day three from Milton Keynes. 10.30 Flim: Harry Brown (2009) 11.30 FYI Daily 11.35 Film: Harry Brown (2009) 12.35 Minder 2.35 Football's Greatest: Thierry Henry 2.40 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

1.00 Film: Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013)
1.30 The Goldbergs 3.30 The Big Bang
Theory 8.00 Film: The Chronicles of
Namia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
(2010) 10.15 The Big Bang Theory 11.15
Gogglebox 1.20 Rude Tube 2.20 First
Dates 3.15 First Dates Abroad

11.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) 1.00 Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005) 2.50 Dunston Checks In (1996) 4.30 Journey to the Center of the Earth (1959) 7.05 The Cold Light of Day (2012) 9.00 The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) 12.30 Red State (2011) 2.10 A Better Life (2011) 4.00 Close

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The Town, Channel 5, 12.05am

A thief takes a bank manager hostage while he and his gang make their getaway, only to later learn she lives in the same neighbourhood as him. As FBI agents close in, he tries to befriend her to make sure she cannot identify him, but as he falls in love with her, he considers changing his ways - risking the fury of his unstable partner in crime. Drama, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. With Rebecca Hall and Jeremy Renner. (2010)

TUESDAY

The Wrong Nanny, Channel 5, 3.15pm

Premiere. Stella hires a nanny to take care of her twin boys, only to find out the woman she hired is her daughter that she gave up for adoption. Thriller, starring Madison Adams. (2017)

The Stranger Inside, Channel 5, 3.20pm
Premiere. A woman and her husband who are trying to have a baby become the target of their fertility doctor, Thriller, starring Sofia Milos, (2016).



Monday Channel 5, 12,05a

Escaping Dad, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman goes on the run with her children to escape an abusive husband. But he is the District Attorney and uses his legal connections to put out an amber alert on his missing family. Thriller, starring Sunny Mabrey, Jason Wiles, Grace Van Dien and Rick Overton. (2017)

My Daughter Is Innocent, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Two teenage girls are accused of a brutal murder and one mother is determined to prove her daughter's innocence. However, all may not be as it seems. Thriller, starring Victoria Pratt. (2017)

Calvary, BBC2, 11,05pm

A priest tries to put his community's affairs in order as he waits for a meeting with a man who has vowed to kill him. Drama, starring Brendan Gleeson, Chris O'Dowd, Kelly Reilly, Aidan Gillen and Dylan

Matilda looks to connect the dots in thrilling new series

ometimes, the scariest dramas aren't the goriest or the ones that make you jump, but the subtle stories that rely on mood and a slowly building sense of disquiet that creeps up on you.

That's what writer Kris Mrksa is aiming to do with his new six-part series Requiem, which is partly inspired by such classic psychological horrors as The Innocents, Rosemany's Baby and Don't Look Now.

Or as actress Lydia Wilson, who plays the main character Matilda Gray, puts it when asked what drew her to the role: "What I really liked was the fact that it was a psychological drama, but in a sneakly way. Matilda is a girl from London in Converse trainers, whose life suddenly spirals into this giant mystery.

"Requiem starts off with the banality of everyday London, and then it suddenly goes, 'Woah!'" Although she may dress like an ordinary twentysomething, the first episode makes it clear that there is

sometning unusual about Matilida – she's a successful cellist. In fact, she about to head off to New York to begin a concert tour when her mother Janice (Joanna Scanlon) takes her own life.

As far as Matilda is concerned As far as Matilda is concerned, there were no hints that her mum was suicidal. To make sense of the tragedy, she goes through a box that was on Janice's bed, and finds it contains items relating to Carys Howell, a young girl who went missing from a small Welsh village more than 20 years ago.

In a bid to discover if there's a link between her mother's death and the

between her mother's death and the toddler's disappearance, Matilda and her loyal accompanist Hal (Joel Fry) set off for Penllynith.

Lydia can understand why Matilda needs to get to the bottom of Janice's suicide. "That's the key relationship in the whole drama. Like a lot of single-parent families, they're friends, as well as a mother and a daughter. Matilda is filled with grief about Janice's suicide.

life. She can either fall apart or she could channel her sadness into an obsessive search for her true identity. That's a much more bearable way of dealing with her grief."

However, it seems Matilda may not be only one grieving as she arrives in Penllynith on the day that the funeral of Ewan Dean, a wealthy local landowner who died in mysterious circumstances, is being held.

circumstances, is being held.
Ewan's Australian nephew Nick
(James Frecheville), who has
inherited the estate, invites the
musicians to stay at Dean House,
which Matilida recognises from a
photo in a mother's box. But could
there be another reason why the
property seems so familiar – and
increasingly sinister?

Lydia suspects viewers will want be keep tuning into Requiem, which will be shown internationally by Netflix, to find out. "I hope audiences will fall in love with this world and want to keep coming back to it. I hope they will feel like we did when we made it – intrigued by this strange thing that doesn't look like anything else."

PICK OF THE WEEK



Lydia Wilson stars in Requiem, Friday, BBC1, 9pm

MONDAY

BBC2, 9pm
The team returns to the National Trust's Sherborne Park Estate in the heart of the Cotswold countryside, and although this is the third consecutive season they have spent here, the familiar surroundings still hold many surprises Michaela Strachan and Chris Packham are based at the cosy barn on the estate, bringing updates from the remote cameras rigged throughout Gloucestershire, and Martin Hughes-Games continues his investigations into some of the harder to-find animal characters, including trout, lesser horseshoe bats, red kites and skylarks. Meanwhile Gillian Burke is on the road once more, coming live from the island of Islay just off the west coast of Scotland. This is a special place in the winter - it's unique position in relation to the jetstream makes it a haven for all kinds of wildlife, including otters and golden eagles.

TUESDAY

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Can You Rebuild My Brain? Channel 4, 10pm

When Lotje Sodderland was 34, her brain was permanently damaged by a stroke that almost killed her. It fundamentally changed her and how she saw the world but it also left her Cameras follow Lotje as meets neuroscience pioneers - scientists who are using the latest knowledge to repair 'broken' brains and developing ground-breaking treatments for everything from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's to autism. Lotie examines the risks as well as the rewards associated with fixing something experts don't yet fully understand.

WEDNESDAY The Truth About Getting Fit BBC1, 8pm

Michael Mosley and a team of scientists investigate the some of the easiest and most effective ways to get the biggest benefits of exercise. In Sheffield, the team test whether walking 10,000 steps a day is more effective than doing short 10 minute brisk walks, and in London, Michael installs a bike in an office to test whether workers can get fit by doing just two minutes of intense exercise a week. Elsewhere in the programme. Michael also joins strength

experts in Glasgow to do a 6 week experiment, comparing the effects of heavy and light weights for building muscle.

THURSDAY

Death Row 2018 with Trevor McDonald,

Death Row 2018 with Trevor McDonald

fortnight at the maximum-security Indiana State Prison, Sir Trevor McDonald returns to meet the new arrivals on death row as well as some familiar faces. He is reunited with Ronald Sanford. who killed two elderly women at the age of 13. Sanford was

incarcerated at 15 years

Five years on from his harrowing

old and although he has spent the last two decades educating himself, the reality is that he will most likely end his life here. The prisoner opens up about the disturbing

childhood that,

William Clyde Gibson, from South Indiana, who was sentenced to death in June 2014 for killing and mutilating three women, disagrees. Everybody thinks when you do the type of stuff I did, people automatically think it's because you had a bad childhood,' he says. 'I had a perfectly normal

FRIDAY

Nigel Slater's Middle East BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Some countries seem to attract more celebrity chefs on culinary adventures than other – Italy has definitely played host to more than its fair share of TV cooks. But in this new series, Nigel Slater is going off the beaten track as he tours the Middle East, which is home to some of the oldest and grandest cuisines in the world. His journey begins in the Lebanon, where he learns how the country's dishes are influenced by its position on the Mediterranean. As he travels from Beirut to the Begaa Valley, close to the Syrian border, eating with local families and home cooks, he learns more about the people's resilience in the face of decades of war, and how that it is reflected in their pride in





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4 Morose: 5 Atlantis; 6 Cameras: 11 Distressed; 13 Sells out; 14 Theatre; 16 Matter; 17 Heart; 20 Lose. QUICK- Across: 7 Barge; 8 Observe; 9 Exploit; 10 Alter; 12 Disresspect; 15 Omniscient; 18 Still; 19 Fervour; 21 Cleaner; 22 Round.
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Quiz

What is the name of the sequel to Milton's Paradise Lost?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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- Which avant-garde New York rock group featured Lou Reed and John Cale?
 Whose vice-president was Richard Nixon?
- Of which group of islands is Espiritu Santo the largest?
- What position would we call that of the Taoiseach?
- 6. Which British tennis player won the 1994 Korean Open?
- By what name do we know the spider Latrodectus mactans?
- Who is the current UK Poet Laureate?
- 9. Which former Bishop of London has become a Roman Catholic priest?
- 10. In which African country is Abuja?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Old Vic; 2 Karl Marx; 3 John Dos

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STOURBRIDGE High Street can be a pleasant place to wander around on any given day

On a Friday, it's particularly lively, with plenty of independent shops, restaurants and bars offering the perfect place to take the weight off, meet up with friends and family – or even to start the Friday night fun

One place that really stands out is the French Connection Bistro, and I was lucky enough to try the place out with my wife, Kelly, while enjoying my birthday. We don't tend to venture into Stourbridge that often and it's even more rare we get to spend the afternoon together while our three-year-old daughter,

Annabelle, is at nursery.

But the opportunity of enjoying some lovely French food was too good to miss – so the cinema idea was binned in favour for some top grub and fine wine.

RUSTIC

Pretty much everyone has tried French cuisine at some point in their lives, but I was a French restaurant virgin. One thing I can say, however, is entering French Connection is like being teleported from the hustle, bustle of a busy Black Country town, into a rustic, homely and cosy restaurant sat in the middle of a village

I had visions of how it might look and it was exactly what I'd hoped for - quiet, quaint, well laid out, plenty of space and the right amount of privacy. There was also some nice French background music too.

Each meal is individually prepared using ingredients that have usually been freshly delivered each day. The chef has more than 22 years experience and all the food is served straight from the pan to your plate.

The menu, as you'd expect, was wide ranging. Some



of it was very reasonable while other options were pretty pricey, which is what you'd expect when ordering something like lobster.

There was also a lunchtime menu too, which changes according to the season and the availability of ingredients. Any food intolerance or allergy issues can also be catered for if staff are informed before placing an order. As it was a lunchtime meal and we didn't fancy anything too heavy, we opted for the three courses for £14.95 - served noon to 2.30pm - which was a very reasonable for what we got.

An example of the food on offer included homemade vegetable soup with French bread and butter, French coarse pork pate served with toasted baguette and salad garnish, mushroom ravioli with mushroom sauce and Parmesan, and smoked salmon mousse with prawn salad (for an extra £1) - and they were just the starters.

Plenty of choice in

selection of starters

The mains were equally as impressive and included the likes of salmon fillet with coarse grain mustard sauce served with poached egg and crushed potatoes, beef stuffed peppers, and butterbean and cheese bake in a Filo pastry dish.

There was also a 'fish of the day' option, which happened to be homemade fisherman's pie topped with potatoes and served vegetables.

The desserts, like the starters and mains, change regularly so what you get can be a bit of a lottery. But if ours were anything to go by, it's a lottery you cannot

We shared a bottle of Riviera which, without pretending to be connoisseurs, was possibly the nicest merlot we had ever tasted. It was a great start to a JAMES FISHER birthday weekend.

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It is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners estate agents at £319,500.

Having a garage and off-road parking, this property is situated in Norton Canes with easy access to Cannock, Walsall and the M54 and M6 motorways.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted breakfast kitchen, a conservatory, a study, a WC and the integral garage.

The first floor holds the master bedroom with an en-suite, bedroom two, also with en suite, two further bedrooms and a main family bathroom. Outside there are gardens to the front and rear. There is also a driveway that can take three to four cars.

In more detail the front garden has a mature lawn that is bordered by hedging to the front. This is flanked by the tarmacadam driveway to the garage.

The kitchen has ample white-coloured modern units which are complemented by wood-effect work surfaces, splash-backs and floor tiling.

The lounge is carpeted and has a feature fireplace. The dining room has sliding patio doors to the conservatory.

Two of the bedrooms have fitted wardrobes and the bathroom has a modern white suite, including both a bath and a shower cubicle, plus a sink with fitted furniture.

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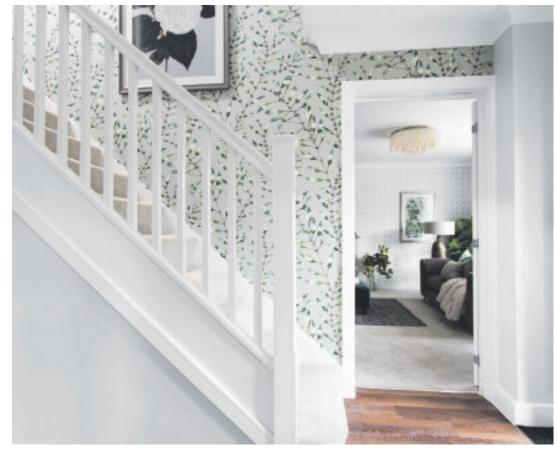
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BLOXWICH £140,000

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Driveway to the Front EPC =D



• Four Bed Link Detached House • Two Reception Rooms Rear Garden • Garage & Driveway
• No Upward Chain • EPC = D





• Fitted Kitchen and Bathroom • Conservatory

Driveway & Car Port • EPC = D



- •Semi Detached House
- •Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen Diner & Lounge
- •Guest WC
- •Rear Garden
- •Garage & Parking Space
- Modern Development
- •EPC = C



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INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE LOCATED IN THE POPULAR RURAL HAMLET WITH WELL STIGS PRIVATE GARDENS Conveniently Located For Access To Facilities At Stafford And Penkridge And A449, A5 And M6 Toll And M54 Motorway

- reception hall
- Three reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Breakfast kitch
 and utility
 Double glazed
- ◆ Four double

NEW PRICE

£425,000 FREEHOLD

£395,000 FREEHOLD

26 DORNEY PLACE, CANNOCK



◆ EPC rating C (80)

Fuilly double glazed & gas central heating

- ◆ Predominantly
- double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating tbo

and in and out drive

◆ Oil fired central

49 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



ities ◆ Garage

- Side entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge ◆ Kitchen
- Two bedrooms ◆ Fully double glazed
- £139,950 LEASEHOLD

232A ECCLESHALL ROAD, STAFFORD



- Open plan fitted
- dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room

◆ Fully double glazed

22 STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

£319,950 FREEHOLD

4 JONES LANE, SLITTING MILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAUILY HOUSE LOCATED IN MUCH SOLGHT AFTER HAMLET OF SUITING MILL WHICH NESTLES WITHIN CANNOCK CHASE AN AREA NOTED FOR ITS OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY Conveniently Positioned Fo Access To Wide Range Of Facilities AI Rugeley And Cannock ◆ Fully double glazed

- ◆ Lounge and dining & gas fired central
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 ◆ Double glazed
- conservatory

 Fitted kitchen, utility Planning permission
- and study

 ◆ Wet room shower/ to extend exisiting
- cloakroom
- accommodation ◆ EPC rating D (64)

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Popular Position Convenient For Facilities At Hednesford Town Centre

- Fully double glazed Gas fired central heating



ONE OF TWO WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCES
Well Located For Facilities Within This Popular Village

- ◆ Cloakroom with Wc
- - year warranty
- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- Four double
- - bedrooms

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK

- and family bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage &
 - ◆ EPC rating B (84)
- £269,950 FREEHOLD

RYECROFT, LICHFIELD ROAD, CANNOCK

£245,000 FREEHOLD



- WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED
 N PURPOSES BUILT SHELTERED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
 Which is Conveniently Located For Cannock Town Centre
 Entrance hall
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 Warden call system/security
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 Very Communial Flain & access
 - £35,000 for 50% share
- 15 CLARION WAY, WEST CHADSMOOR



TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Convenient For Local Facilities

Fully double glazed

- · Gas central heating Corner plot gardens

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMEN'
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The
Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

Communal hall, stairs and landing

Reception hall

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Reception hall

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EXTENDED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge and dining ◆ Integral garage
- cloakroom and utility
- room
- Four bedrooms Bathroom and

 - separate toilet
- ◆ Fully double glazed

 - ◆ EPC rating D (63)

Gas fired central



- - Allocated parking space

 ◆ EPC rating C (74)

 £79,950 For 90% Share
- GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED FLAT Conveniently Located For Facilities
- Electric heating ◆ Fully double glazed



- ◆ Lounge
- - ◆ Gas fired central
- Ensuite shower room
 - glazed

THE COACH HOUSE, 13 BRAMWELL DRIVE, HEDNESFORD



- NELL APPOINTED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM COACH HOUSE STYLE RESIDENCE Located In Rapidly Maturing Cul-De-Sac convenient For Wide Range of Facilities at Hednesford Town Centr ▶ Lounge Fully double glazed & gas fired
- - £149,950 FREEHOLD
- WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3
 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in popula
 Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre
 ♦ Reception hall ♦ Well stocked gardens Jac convenient Fr.
 Acception hall

 L shaped lounge/dining area
 Kitchen
 Three bedrooms
 Bathree
 - · Gas fired central heating
 - Fully double glazed Built on garage
 - ◆ EPC rating D (63) £219,950 FREEHOLD 65 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK



- ◆ Central reception hall
 ◆ Garage and in and Lounge and dining
- Breakfast kitcher and utility
- Four bedrooms Shower room and
- separate toilet
- ◆ Predominantly ◆ EPC rating TBC

out drive

heating

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£465,000 FREEHOLD







EPC's

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LETTINGS

Lounge

Independent Chartered Surveyors Established 1919

MANAGEMENT

◆ Large garden

£530pcm

7 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

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◆ EPC rating: D (55)

SERBERRY

11 THE WILLOWS, CANNOCK

Subject to Set-up Fee of £250 inc Vat

SURVEYS

No Let - No Fee - No Hidden Extras

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD

FLAT 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS WELL EQUIPPED REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR FLATConvenient For Local Faciliti

Gas central heating

◆ Fully double glazed

EPC rating: D (68)

Sorry no nets, smokers or DSS

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£535pcm 1 WATERMINT CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE Located in Popular Residential Area

59 EDWARD STREET, BROOMHILL,

- Cloakroom with WC

- Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- · Gas central heating · Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (68)

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMEN'
Located in An Established Residential Area Convenient For Loca
Facilities

◆ Secure communal entrance

◆ Electric heating



SPACIOUS TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Gas central heating
- ➤ Louriye
 ➤ Dining room
 ➤ Dining kitchen
 ➤ Two double bedrooms

- ◆ Extensive off road parking Sorry no nets, smokers or DSS
 - ◆ EPC rating: D (57)
 - £700pcm

3 OAKDENE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE

- VELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
 ocated In An Established Residential Area Convenient For Loca
 Facilities

 ◆ Secure communal entrance ◆ Electric heating

- ◆ Double glazed
- Sorry No DSS, pe
- ◆ EPC rating C (71) £550pcm

199A CANNOCK ROAD, CHADSMOOR



REFURBISHED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT REFURBISHED GROUND FLOOR FLAT IN CUL-DE-SAC Location Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby

- Off road parking
- ◆ EPC rating: E (40)
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
 Inner hall
 Double bedroom
- ◆ Part double glazed Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smoers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (73) **£475pcm**

1 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

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- WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDRO
 APARTMENTLocated In Established Residential Area
 For Local Facilities

 ◆ Secure communal entrance ◆ Electric heating
- Entrance Hall
- Sorry no DSS nets or smoke
- ◆ Double glazed
 ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smok

£575pcm



AN IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED

Fully double glazed

· Gas central heating

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
 Two double bedrooms
 Refitted bathroom
 Extensive off road parking

- £650pcm

Double glazing

◆ EPC rating C (75)

Sorry No DSS, pets or smoke



Cloakroom with WC

Family bathroom

- glazed

 ♦ Sorry No smokers, pets or DS
- EPC rating C (73)
 - £625pcm

◆ Fully double glazed

◆ EPC rating: C (77)

234 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

· Gas central heating

DSS considered

- Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen ◆ Utility room · Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DS
 - Fully double glazed
- · Sorry no pets or smokers
 - ◆ EPC rating: D (57) £575pcm

22 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED SECOND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTLocated in An Established Residential Area Con For Local Facilities ◆ Secure communal entrance ◆ Electric heater

- ◆ Double glazed Sorry No DSS, pets o

◆ EPC rating C (70)

- £550pcm
- OnTheMarket....

£750pcm

41 CURBOROUGH ROAD, LICHFIELD

▼ Ritchen
 ♦ Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
 ♦ Three further bedrooms
 ♦ Family bathroom



Sorry no DSS, pets or

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE HOUSE Located in Popular Area Convenient For Local Facilities

◆ Fully double glazed

· Gas central heating

Sorry no pets, smokers or DS

- ◆ Lounge
- Kitchen
 Guests clo
- · Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS ◆ EPC rating D (61) **£650pcm**

4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

£1350pcm

► EPC rating: D (65) £695pcm

- SPACIOUS FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED Located In Popular Residential Area
 - & double glazed
- Sitting room & dining Gardens & garage
- Study & family room ◆ Kitchen & utility room ◆ Sorry no smokers
- Five bedrooms
- Family bathroom & three en-suites
 - ◆ EPC rating C (79)

pets or DSS allowed



- IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEN DETACHED HOUSE Located In Popular Residential Area

- Fully double glazed

Refitted batnroom
 Fully double glazed

 Off road parking Sorry no pets, smokers or DS ◆ EPC rating: C (70) £675pcm

17 WOODFORD WAY, HEATH HAYES



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DET. Located In Popular Residential Area Entrance lobby

Lounge & dining room
Kitchen
Three bedrooms · Gardens & built-on garage

(Sorry no pets. DSS or smokers ◆ EPC rating D (68) **£695pcm**

Residential Au C_ Facilities ◆ Electric heating Secure communal entrance ◆ Double glazed ◆ Sorry No DSS, pets or smoker

5 CROWN HOUSE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

COMMERCIAL

£575pcm 64 SWEETBRIAR WAY, HEATH HAYES

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- REFURBISHED SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE Located In Sought After Residential Area
- Lounge
 Dining kitchen
 UPVC double glazed Gas central heating
 - ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS

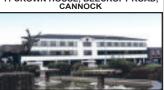
EPC rating: C (73)

2 TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE



- WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMEN
 Conveniently Located For Facilities of The Centre of The Popula
 Market Village of Penkridge
 Lounge ♦ Lounge
- Fully double glazed Two bedrooms En-suite shower room Bathroom ◆ No smokers nets or DSS

◆ EPC rating: C (74) **£575pcm**



WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Located in Established Residential Area Convenient For Local Secure communal entrance Entrance hall Facilities Per Description of the Facilities Facilities Facilities Facilities Facilities Facilities

 Double glazed Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers ◆ EPC rating: C (74) £590pcm



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR FLAT In Sought After Area Convenient For Town Centre

◆ Fully double glazed Off road parking

◆ EPC rating: C (74) **£525pcm**

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Bathroom, Ensuite

Gardens, Driveway

• Three Bedrooms

• Car Port, Driveway.

· Bathroom.

• Gardens

Side Garage.

- Driveway
- NO CHAIN

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms • Kitchen Diner
- Conservatory
- Well Presented

- Refurbished Family Wet Room
- Driveway And Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Is Essential

CHESLYN HAY

KESTRAL WAY

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PINEWOOD CLOSE

HEDNESFORD



Guest WC, Lounge

Extended Kitchen/diner

Lovely Family Home

Hallway.

Lounge.

• Dining Room,

Hallway, Lounge

Kitchen Diner

HEDNESFORD

HAMILTON CLOSE







Sought After Location

• Hallway, Lounge

Dining Room





- Bathroom
- Garage, Driveway

CHESLYN HAY



















• Traditional Semi

- Lounge, Dining Room
- Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom



• Driveway

• Double Garage

HEDNESFORD









PENKRIDGE



- Lovely Family Home
- entrance hall,
- STUNNING KITCHEN/DINER.



- three bedrooms
- · Family bathroom.
- landscaped gardens,

• Garage

Driveway

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Traditional style extended semi-detached house has countryside views and is within easy reach of amenities

A TRADITIONAL style extended semi-detached family home, 113 Long Lane, Great Wyrley, lies in a semi-rural location with views over

It is for sale through Marrion & Co Estate Agents at £224,950 with no

With double glazing and gas central heating, the property briefly comprises a spacious lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, conservatory, utility room,

GREAT WYRLEY £224,950

downstairs WC. four bedrooms. family bathroom, driveway, small garage/workshop and a rear garden.

A spokesman for the agent said: "Having been completed to good quality standards of its day, this wellmaintained extended family home offers traditional accommodation

which is most worthy of an early

Located in one of the borough's most favoured roads with a 'rural' feel, enjoying open views over farm land. The property is within easy reach of local amenities, including frequent and regular public transport services, and schools catering for children of all age groups.

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Charming and modern four-bedroomed detached home is expected to attract a great deal of interest

Being beautifully presented, this charming modern four-bedroomed detached house in Victoria Road. Wednesfield, is for sale through Whitegates Estate Agents at

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WEDNESFIELD £239.950

In more detail the entrance hall has stairs to the first floor and a cloakroom/WC off.

The lounge has a bay window to the front and double doors to the dining room.

The kitchen features a built-in oven. hob and a hood over and has part

tiled walls. The utility has plumbing for an automatic washing machine.

The rear garden has lawn and a

The selling agents are expecting a great deal of interest to be shown in the sale of this property.

For further information, or to book a viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, callWhitegates Estate Agents on 01902 429035 or visit www.whitegates.co.uk







- Cul-de-sac location
- Tandem Garage
- Enclosed rear garden Modern fitted kitcher
- Fitted Bathroom

Fitted Baurroom
 Ideal first time buy
 EPC rating D
 £139,950

CHESLYN HAY



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Conservatory Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Two further bedrooms Refitted family bathroom
- Garden to rea
- Driveway £184,950

CANNOCK



- Fitted kithcen with pantry
- Lounge with fireplace Modern fitted bathroom
- Hallway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Poriveway
 Awaiting EPC
 £132,000

CANNOCK REDHILL ROAD



- Central heating
- Driveway, gated aces Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern littled kitche
 Modern bathroom
 Awaiting EPC rating
 NO CHAIN

£130,000

HEATH HAYES CANNOCK ROAD



- A traditional 3 bedroom prop
- Entrance hallway/study area
- Utility, Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite Refittted family bathroom
- Garden to rear off road parking

 EPC rating E

 £260,000

CANNOCK RUDYARD WAY



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Off road parking and garage EPC rating C

£175,000

HEDNESFORD



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Allocated parking

HEATH HAYES

£83,000 offers in excess of



- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Conservatory/Utility area
 Master bedroom with built in wardrobes
- Garden to real
- Driveway and garage
- Driveway and S-EPC rating C £199,950

HEDNESFORD RAILWAY VIEW



- Lounge, Conservatory

- Garage & Drivewa
- EPC rating D

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- Modern fitted kitcher
- Modern fitted bathroom Entrance Hallway
- Allocated Parking
- Walking distance to train station NO CHAIN
- EPC rating C

CANNOCK RUMER HILL ROAD

- A spacious 3 bedroom detached
- Split level lounge/diner, Kitchen/diner
 Guest cloakroom, utility Sitting room and conservatory
- Family bathroom Garden to rear, garage, driveway
- NO CHAIN Awaiting EPC rating

£230,000 Offers Over

CANNOCK BERWICK DRI



- Conservatory, kitchen
- Three good sized bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Awaiting EPC rating £134,950

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• JR Properties are pleased to offer to the market this three bedroom semi detached family home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles to Detached Garage and Garden to rear.



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• JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom mobile home, situated on a corner plot adjacent to woodland. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge to Open Plan Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Parking and Good sized gardens to all sides. "MUST BE VIEWED TO APPRECIATE'



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• JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom link detached home, situated in a sought after location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Refitted Breakfast Kitchen and Dining Room. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway for two vehicles to Garage and Garden to



 JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom terraced bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Shower Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Bedroom. Gardens to front and rear with on road parking



 JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being situated close to local amenities and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory and Refitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Garage in separate



• JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Off road parking and Garden to front with Good Sized Garden to Rear.



• JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, being situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with Shower En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway



 JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest W.C and Lean To. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear.



"White Lion Inn" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home dating from 1800 in town centre location. Having Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Study and Utility Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized garden and parking



• JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom modern detached family home, being situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and south facing Garden to rear.



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- Conservatory
 - No upward chain

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GREAT WYRLEY, QUINTON AVENUE

- D 🔘
- Immaculate 3 bed bungalowModernised to a high standard
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- Semi-detached residence
- Cul-de-Sac location
- Through lounge, conservatory
- Utility area off lobby

BURNTWOOD, TUDOR CLOSE

Great Wyrley Office - Offers Over £135,000



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Mid-terrace period property

Ideal FTB / investor purchase

• Parking & garage to the rear

Well presented interiors

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

Superb detached property

GREAT WYRLEY, SHAWS LANE

- Beautifully presented interiors Popular residential location
- No onward chain
- 3

- Well presented property
- Deceptively spacious interiors Driveway parking & garage
- No onward chain
- D 🕡

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GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Detached Dormer Residence
- Generous Living Space
- Double Garage No Upward Chain

Burntwood Office - £180,000

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HAMMERWICH, OVERTON LANE

- Impressive detached residence
- Superb semi-rural location

Burntwood Office - £435,000

- Two receptions & breakfast kitchen
 Driveway parking & double garage CQ

Burntwood Office - £250,000



BURNTWOOD, REDFERN DRIVE

- Modern dormer bungalow
- Semi-detached residence
- Fitted kitchen / diner Off road parking & garage



BURNTWOOD, THORNFIELD

- Extended Dormer Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Fourth Bedroom/Study



GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Traditional Semi
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Very Highly Recommended





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Rugeley Road



Highly desirable rural location of Hazelslade and backs directly onto

Pinfold Lane



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Tranter Crescent



our bedroom detached family home / Enviable corner plot within quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Conveniently situated close to local amenities, schools and transport links



Four bedroom detached house / Well established and sought after residential area / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / UPVC conservatory

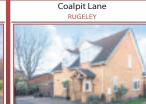
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enviable corner plot at end of private driveway / Spacious open plan lounge-diner / Delightful rear conservatory

Hallum Way

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Victory Close



odern re-fitted high spec kitchen, utility and guest wc / Spaciou pen plan lounge-diner / Good sized private rear garden which is

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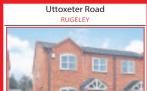
to high specification throughout / Former show home; never been Offers in Excess of £210,000 Partridge Close

naculately presented three bedroom detached house / Set on nd new modern development / Tastefully decorated & finished



sac within a sought after modern development / Modern fitted op plan dining kitchen / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation

Park Road



mmaculately presented two bedroom semi detached house / Set i igh sought after location / Finished to high standard throughout / acious open plan lounge-diner / Two large double bedrooms

£210.000

Melrose Drive



on large corner plot within quiet cul-de-sac / refitted kit & garage / Large block paved drive for several vehicles

Brindley Crescent

Longacres



Extended four bedroom semi detached house Ouiet cul-de-sac location / NO ONWARD CHAIN age / Dri

Herondale



Two bedroom semi detached house / Peaceful cul-de-sac / Minutes walk away from fields and a pond / Carpor and driveway with parking for up to three vehicles

Offers in Excess of £145,000

Braemar Road



Vell presented three bedroom semi detached family hom Ouiet residential area /Spacious open plan lounge-diner way with parking for two vehicle





ceptively spacious & well presented two bedroom semi tached bungalow / Situated down quiet road / Modern fitted kitchen / Good sized private rear garden / Driveway for two vehicle



Wetherall Close



Well presented two bedroom detached bungalow / Spacious open plan lounge-dine / Rear conservatory / Two double bedrooms

St Aidans Road



One bedroom semi detached bungalow / Quiet locatio with woodland to the rear / Spacious lounge / Double bedroom / Delightful good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £190,000 Hednesford Road

de-sac / Freshly decorated throughout / Good sized privi front and rear gardens / Off road parking and a garage



Extremely spacious three bedroom detached character property / Modern method of auction / Set on a large plot /

Forge Close



Vell presented & spacious two bedroom first floor apartm large double bedrooms / Off road allocated parking



Spacious four bedroom semi detached house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Fully refurbished throughout / Four

Albert Court



Well presented modern second floor apartment / Two bedrooms & allocated parking space / Open plan lounge-kitcher



Three bedroom mid terraced house / Semi rural location just a few inutes from Cannock Chase / Superb open plan high spec dining

Hamilton Close



One bedroom self contained ground floor maisonet Situated down a quiet cul-de-sac / Spacious open plan living area / Modern re fitted kitchen

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Lounge EPC D

Semi Detached Propert

Lounge EPC E

Lichfield Road, Armitage



NO CHAIN Lounae EPC C

Lakeside Drive, Norton Canes



Dining Room/Study EPC E

Walters Close, Hednesford





Semi Detached Property Lounae Kitchen

> Offers Around £189.950

Uttoxeter Road, Handsacre



Three Bedrooms Two Bathrooms Off Road Parking

NO CHAIN EPC C

Offers Around £190.000

Woodmill, Yoxa



Terraced Cottage Two Bedrooms Kitchen/Dine

Rear Garden **Rural Location** FPC F



Four Bedrooms mple Off Road Parking No Chain EPC D

Rickerscote, Staffordshire



Well Presented Cottage Two Bedrooms

Kitchen Well Maintained Gardens FPC F

Canterbury Drive, Rugele



Detached Property Four Bedrooms Two Bathrooms

Garage

Station Road, Hednesford





Deatched Property Four Bedrooms Lounge Area Rear Garden NO CHAIN

> Offers Around £240,000

The Meadows, Cannock





Three Bedrooms Lounge Kitchen NO CHAIN EPC C

> Offers Around £249,950

Broad Lane, Essington





Detached Property Four Bedrooms Kitchen / Breakfast Area Awaiting EPC

> Offers Around £290,000

Merlin Close, Brownhills





Detached Property Four Bedrooms Two En Suites Extended
Quiet Cul De Sac Loc
EPC C

> Offers Around £325,000

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 One Bed Flar
 Lounge
 Kitchen
 Shower Room
 Heating & DG
 Off Road Parking
 Energy Rating F £350 pcm



£450 pcm



 Bathroom, DG
 Electric Heating Energy Rating E
 NO DSS/PETS £530 pcm



●Two Bed Flat ●Lounge/Kitchen ●Bathroom

Sathroom lectric Heating Parking nergy Rating B No DSS or Pets

£575 pcm

●GCH & DG ●Energy Rating B ●NO DSS OR PETS

One Bed Flat Lounge/Kitchen Shower Room Separate WC Off Road Parkin

Energy Rating I

£375 pcm

No Bea Mile
 Lounge/Diner
 Kitchen, Utility
 Bathroom, GCH
 DG, Gardens

£475 pcm

£575 pcm



£395 pcn

2 Bed FFF



 Dear FFF
 Lounge
 Electric Heating
 Off Road
 parking
 Energy Rating D
 No DSS/Pets £480 pcm



Parking
Energy Rating C
No DSS/Pets £590 pcm



ounge itchen/Diner £625 pcn



●1Bed GFF ●Lounge/Dining £440 pcm



●Three Bed Flat

•Town Centre

•Spacious

•GCH & DG

•Off Road Parking

•Energy Rating E

•No DSS or Pets £500 pcm



•3Bed Semi
•Lounge
•Conservatory
•GCH/DG
•Garage Garage
 Energy Rating D
 Sorry No DSS/ £595 pcm



 •3Bed End town
House
Lounge/Diner
Conservatory
Guest WC
GCH/DG nergy Rating D

£650 pcm



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●Two Bed Mid

●Lounge, Dining Room

●Kitchen & Utility

●Guest WC & Shower

●ROom

●GCH, DG, Gardens

●EPC Pending

●NO DSS OR PETS

£600 pcm



●Two Bed Semi ●Lounge ●Kitchen/Diner ●Bathroom, GCH

independent

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OIRO £249,950

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 Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room

•Kitchen, Three Double Bedrooms



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Lounge
 Master Bedroom with En-Suite



Driveway

•Front and Rear Gardens £210,000



A Well Presented Link
 Detached House
 Lounge. Dining Room
 Extended Kitchen, Four

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Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
Garage & Driveway

Front and Rear Gardens
Our

Open Aspect to Side & Rear
No Upward Chain

A Well Presented Semi Detached House
Popular Residential Location Overlooking
En-Suite, Family Bathroom Nature Reserve

Guest WC, Lounge, Dining Room
OIRO £199,950

Well Presented
 Detached Family Home
 Family Lounge
 Breakfast Kitchen
 Three Bedrooms

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HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



Spacious Semi Detached
 Lounge & Conservatory
 Kitchen & Family Room
 Ground Floor Bedroom/
Ensuite Shower

 Spacious Semi Detached
 Bathroom
 Master with Dressing
 Room/Study
 Driveway & Rear Garden



OIEO £110,000



Three Bedrooms
Re-Fitted En-Suite
Family Bathroom
Delightful Rear Garden
Driveway Guide Price £179,995

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NO UPWARD CHAIN
 Ground floor
 apartment
 Lounge/Diner
 Kitchen
 On UPWARD CHAIN
 Two double bedro
 En-suite and bathro
 Gas central heatin
 Double Glazing
 Off road parking



 An Extremely Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached House •Good Sized Rear Garder Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitcher



Two Bedrooms, Modern Bathroom

DrivewayViewing Essential



£145,000

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Three Bed Mid
Breakfast Kitchen
Lounge/Diner
Bathroom, GCH, DG
Driveway & Garage
OFFERS OVER £140,000



A Modern Well
Presented Two Bed Town
House
Entrance Hall, Guest W

Kitchen, Spacious

OWNERSHIP AVAILABLE chen, Spacious OWNERSHIF AVAID £50,000 40% Shared Ownership



UNDER OFFER Two double bedrooms
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diner
Side entry
Gas central heating diner
Side entry
Gas central heating
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- Total Site Area 0.46 Acre (0.19 ha)
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INDUSTRIAL

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- Allocated Car Parking

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INDUSTRIAL

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 - Eaves Height Approx
 - 19ft 6ins (6m)
 - Office & WC Facilities
 - Designated Car Parking
 - EPC Rating C-55 RENT: £25,000 pax plus VAT

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- RENT: 6a £450 pcm. 6c 260 pcm

INDUSTRIAL

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- Minimum Eaves Height
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A very decent, inexpensive vehicle

By Carmel Stewart

SsangYong is well-known for its big. rugged 4x4 vehicles which can pull several tonnes in the shape of horse boxes, trailers

Less well-known, perhaps, are its smaller vehicles which can still pull the family caravan and loads up to two tonnes but are less chunky in appearance. One such is the Korando SUV which is more a family car than a workhorse, being a comfortable, reasonably priced five-seater with a decent, flat loading boot and off-roading abilities should circumstances require.

On-demand

It is powered by a 2.2 litre turbocharged, Euro 6 compliant SsangYong-built diesel engine linked to either a six-speed manual transmission or six-speed automatic with either front wheel-drive or an intelligent, ondemand, all-wheel drive system

The advanced 4x4 system has two settings For the most part it operates in 2WD for optimum fuel efficiency but when sensors detect slippage – as with snow/rain/rough surfaces – the 4WD system kicks in, sending torque to where it is needed most.

In extreme circumstances it is possible to lock it off so that drive is allocated equally between front and rear wheels, providing the best grip and control for low-speed

The recently facelifted version adds a more modern dash, redesigned chunky steering wheel, updated styling, favouring rounded



All cars get a five-year limitless guarantee

edges, discreet creases and a new grille headlights, fog lamps and daytime running

As before, the rear seats can recline when in use but can also fold flat to allow for more load lugging and there is no transmission tunnel which means the middle rear seat passenger is that much more comfortable.

There are four models on offer: the twowheel drive SE: the SE 4x4: the ELX 4x4: and the ELX with automatic transmission. Prices range from £15,800 to £23,500.

Some of the glossy mags have given the Korando a hard time but really it is a very decent, inexpensive vehicle. It'll not set the tarmac on fire nor will it traverse rivers deep, mountains high - although it'll have a pretty good go at it - but it'll get you safely through a shallow stream and across a muddy field.



Towing a caravan, trailer or horse box is no problem for the SsangYong Korando SUV

On the road it is comfortable and composed unless really pushed. Country lanes at speed will induce a certain amount of body roll

slow down and the problem is solved.
All Korando models come with a very decent standard kit list. The entry-level SE has six airbags, air-conditioning, cruise control. electric windows front and rear. Bluetooth

connectivity, electrically operated and heated door mirrors with puddle lamps, roof rails, alloy wheels, ESP and hill start assist.

The top spec ELX adds a leather interior. heated front and rear seats, heated steering wheel a powered driver's seat front and rear parking sensors, a rear-view camera, seveninch touchscreen, RDS radio and TomTom sat nav plus distinctive 18-inch diamond-cut alloys. All models come with a five-year limitless mileage warranty.

SsangYong cars are manufactured in South Korea by SsangYong Motor, which is 73 per cent owned by the Indian engineering conglomerate Mahindra & Mahindra, and imported into the UK by SsangYong Motor UK.



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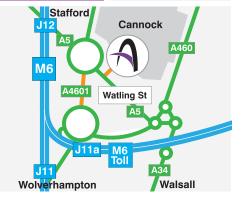
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Ignis and Vitara special editions from Suzuki GB

Edition models of Ignis and Vitara that are now on sale. The two new models are Ignis Adventure and Vitara Kuro which makes a return to the UK range following a very successful limited production run in 2017

MOTORING

Ignis Adventure is based on the SZ-T and adds a selection of the most popular and distinctive personalisation options available SZ-T standard specification includes rear view camera, 16inch alloy wheels roof rails and individually sliding rear seats and Adventure adds a further specification of rear spoiler, side mouldings, front and rear skid plates, coloured front grille centre bar, side decal set and colour keyed front fog lamp bezels.

The added value of these personalisation options is £1.900 and with Adventure priced at £13.999, it represents a premium of just £1,000 over the SZ-T. A zero per cent APR PCP (Personal Contract Purchase) agreement is available at just £159 per month over 43 months. This requires a deposit of £2,216 and an optional final payment of £5.105 to keep the car.

A limited number of Adventure models are being produced and



Ignis Adventure

four colours are available which are Fervent Red (Solid paint) and Boost Blue Pearl, Pure White Pearl and Super Black Pearl as optional metallic colours at £465.

The Vitara Kuro makes a return to the range through customer demand and a further 1,000 units are now being produced. Based again on the 1.6-litre SZ-T 2WD manual transmission model with auto air conditioning, satellite navigation, Smartphone link audio and rear privacy glass as standard equipment. Kuro offers a unique specification and £1,700 added customer value for a premium of just £750 over the SZ-T.

Kuro offers a very high and unique specification including 'Misti' satin black allov wheels



Vitara Kuro offers a very high specification

Black front bumper and side body moulding set, Black door mirrors, black rear upper spoiler, black front grille and side trims and Kanji 'Kuro' badge. For the interior, the colour design theme continues with Piano Black to dashboard, ventilation trim ring set and centre console trim. A carbon effect centre analogue

clock is also included as standard Kuro is available in four colours

which are Superior White as a solid colour and Cosmic Black, Galactic Grey and Silky Silver as optional metallic colours available at £500.

Vitara Kuro is also available with zero per cent PCP at a monthly rate of £199, payable over 43 months, if an initial deposit of £3 390 is made with a £7,001 final optional payment required to keep the car at the end of the term

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Peugeot 5008 SUV has right recipe

By Carmel Stewart

At this stage in our buying lives, money matters and, with a starting price of less than £24.500 and an excellent standard spec list, the new 5008 SUV from Peugeot ticks all the fiscal boxes and a few more

Added to that is the fact that it is spacious. easy to drive, comfortable and, with room enough for seven, immensely practical.

If you are not a school-runner, don't be

put off by the multiple seats. Such is the sophistication of this modern design that everything fits into a neat package 4.64m in length – that's just over 15 foot in old money – and those two rearmost seats neatly and

easily drop into the boot floor when not in use. The middle row individually adjusts backwards and forwards and can incline separately. The front seats may, at first sight, be off putting to those of us of larger dimensions. The two seats, separated by a large central console, are described as 'bodyhugging' but are more supportively friendly than grippingly unfriendly.

Engine choices number seven – two petrol and five diesel – with five and six speed manual transmissions depending on engine size plus an excellent automatic available as

an option.

Trim levels number three – Active, Allure and GT Line – together with a top spec GT version which is uniquely powered by a 2.0litre Blue HDi 180hp engine coupled with an eightspeed automatic transmission.

On the road, behind the neat and tidy flattopped/bottomed, fully adjustable steering wheel, the 5008 offers an excellent drive with very decent road holding and all-absorbing



It is spacious, easy to drive and comfortable



The car has a very generous standard specification

The 5008 is the third SUV to be launched by Peugeot in the past 18 months, following in the treads of the 2008 and 3008

suspension. Although engines up to 2.0litres and 181 bhp are available, the award-winning 1.2 petrol Pure Tech Engine of the Year, with 131 bhp at its disposal, proved to be a revelation with plenty of unwavering power smoothly delivered via the six-speed manual

Prices for the 5008 start at £24,495 and include a very generous standard spec with remote central locking, Bluetooth, DAB radio, three Isofix fittings, cruise control, spare wheel, all-round electric windows and rear parking sensors as well as is Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity.

A step up to Allure adds Connect SOS,

tinted rear windows, a 180-degree reversing camera and Tom-Tom navigation, Inevitably the price increases, in this case to £26,295

The GT Line, which starts at £28 195 includes self-levelling headlights, sporty front design, and a smartphone charging plate (a £120 option on Active and Allure) while the GT version adds leather seats and multiway adjustable electric seats with massage function while upping the starting price to £35.695.

The new 5008 is the third SUV to be

launched by Peugeot in the past 18 months, following in the tyre treads of the 2008 and the highly successful all-new 3008 which has sold more than 200,000 units globally in just a

The runaway success of the Peugeot 3008 is no guarantee that the larger 5008 will be as successful but there is really no reason why it shouldn't.





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Following its debut at the 2017 Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA), the latest addition to the Picanto range, the all-new X-Line is now on sale. The 'X-Line' further broadens the appeal of Kia's city car, with styling that draws inspiration from the company's SUV

models, including Stonic, Sportage and Sorento.
Prices start at £12,595 for the 'X-Line' equipped with the 1.25-litre petrol engine and five-speed manual gearbox, with a four-speed automatic transmission available for an additional £650. Affordability is one of the Picanto's key features, with CO2 emissions that are as low as 106g/km on the manual transmission, and a combined fuel economy figure of 61.4mpg.

The 'X-Line' variant introduces a series of rugged new design cues and is longer, wider and taller than conventional city cars, and has increased ground clearance. It makes no pretence at being a full-blown SUV – power is transmitted through the front wheels only – but has a more rugged look which will widen the audience of the all-new Picanto in a market in which the crossover is king.
Unique to the 'X-Line' model, the grille and fog lamp

surrounds are finished with lime green highlights



Twin exhaust outlets complete the muscular look

while black cladding around the side sills and wheel arches enhances the visual effect of the raised ground clearance. The exterior door handles are finished in body colour and privacy glass is fitted to the rear windows and tailgate. Completing the more muscular look are twin exhaust outlets, 16-inch alloy wheels, a shark-fin antenna and projection headlights with LED

daytime running lights and fog lamps.

The splashes of colour are carried over to the interior with lime green stitching for the flat-bottomed steering wheel, gear lever gaiter and armrests. The large 7.0-inch floating' touchscreen features DAB radio, as well as Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay™ and Android Auto™ for full smartphone integration. Other equipment highlights include unique grey faux leather upholstery, a central armrest, satin chrome interior door handles and stainless-steel pedals with rubber inserts, in addition to cruise control with speed limiter, automatic air conditioning and keyless entry.
The latest Picanto is the safest A-segment car Kia has

ever made, featuring an Advanced High Strength Steel body construction and six standard airbags. Active safety features are also included, such as standard-fit Vehicle Stability Management with Electronic Stability Control, to ensure stability under braking and cornering. In addition, the 'X-Line' is fitted with Autonomous Emergency Braking as standard.

Torque Vectoring is also included, and is a further aid to handling stability. Using the anti-lock brake and ESC sensors, it detects when the car is drifting off its intended course in corners and gently brakes the inside rear wheel if the front of the car is running wide, or the outer rear wheel if the rear tyres are starting to slide outwards. Hill-start Assist Control prevents the car from rolling backwards when setting off on uphill gradients.

In line with market demand, the Picanto is available exclusively with a practical five-door bodystyle and is regularly one of the top five best-selling city cars. It has class-leading cabin space, with more leg- and head-room than all other rivals in the A-segment. Boot capacity is 255 litres – the most of any car in its class – with 60:40 split-folding rear seats, which can fold flat to increase capacity to 1,010 litres.

The 'X-Line' comes equipped with a powerful and refined 83bhp 1,248cc four-cylinder, 16-valve engine developing 122Nm of torque. A five-speed manual gearbox is standard, with a four-speed automatic

transmission available as an option. In line with every Kia, the Picanto 'X-Line' comes with a warrant of seven years or 100,000 miles, including labour, subject to terms and conditions. The warranty is fully transferable to the next owner if the car is sold before the time or mileage limit expires.

A relaxed and refined cruiser with divisive American style



Vignale is a range-topping trim

Ford's Vignale nameplate is a luxury sub-brand, which Ford says is a response to customer feedback. Loyal buyers of the American brand were buying more and more top-spec Titanium models, leaving them nothing higher to upgrade to when trade-in time came around.
In response, Ford's added Vignale trim across its

model line-up, which acts as a range-topping trim – giving customers extra kit, improved materials, chrome detailing, and dedicated Vignale benefits.

We're testing Ford's flagship SUV – the Edge – in this

glitzy Vignale spec. On the outside, the Edge Vignale gets a selection of exclusive paint colours. Once it's been painted, Ford lets its design team loose with chrome detailing – there's a massive and imposing Vignale-specific grille, glitzy chrome wheels and shiny

Inside, the Vignale gets quilted leather seats, while Ford's covered the plastic dashboard with swathes of leather. The carpet's thicker, and even the boot is coated in deep-pile shag. Under the skin not much has changed, but there's extra soundproofing to make the Vignale a relaxed and refined cruiser.

The Edge Vignale is available with just one 2.0-litre diesel, available in two states of tune. The lesser model gets 178bhp and a six-speed manual gearbox, while



It's certainly an eye-ctaching car

the top brass can choose the 207bhp version mated to a six-speed auto. Our car was the latter. The engine is fairly refined, but it's definitely no speed demon.

Ford has a strong track record for making cars that handle well, and the Edge is no exception. For such a big car it's unusually good in the corners. But in standard form, the Edge is a very heavy car; the Vignale even more so - and you can definitely feel that weight working against you. The steering is accurate, but feels overassisted – a necessary evil when trying to give such a big car light steering.

Divisive, in a word. Some will love the Edge's

combination of imposing American style and shiny chrome – others will find it a bit chintzy. We initially fell into the latter camp, but had to admit the car grew on us as the week drew on. It's certainly eye-catching, and if you want road presence few cars at this price are better. The big problem for most is presented in the centre of that vast front grille – the Ford badge. Unfortunately, the blue oval simply doesn't have the prestige of BMW, Audi or Mercedes, and that will affect your standing in the company car park and, more importantly, residual values.

The Edge's interior is a tale of two halves – the top of the dashboard is a great example, where swathes of premium leather meet a cheap, plasticky storage bin. There's a sense that Ford's expended effort on upgrading materials that didn't need upgrading - like the door cards - and ignored ones that should have, such as the centre console.

The standard Sync3 infotainment is a mixed bag too. It has one of the most intuitive interfaces around, but unfortunately features an ugly UI and a poor-quality screen which is recessed awkwardly into the dash.

Four adults can sit comfortably, and the vast boot has over 600 litres of space. It's also eerily silent on the motorway, thanks to lots of sound deadening. Ford throws the book at Vignale models as standard, and you won't be left wanting for much. Dynamic LED headlights, quilted and heated leather seats, a handsfree electric tailgate and digital gauge cluster all come as standard. You also get Ford's Sync3 infotainment system, with sat-nav, Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

If you want a big, luxurious SUV, the Edge Vignale has a lot going for it. There's a sense that if you're already sold on the Edge, opting for the Vignale wouldn't be too big a stretch. Those who do go for it will find a spacious, relaxed SUV with a comfortably familiar badge on the bonnet.

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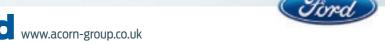
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Eric's Family wish to invite those who were not able to attend the Funeral to join them for light refreshments at The Vic Club, Norton Canes.

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KELLY Alma May

nee Brass

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Of Milton Road, Cannock

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Application Number: CH.17/03/780 W
The Raw Material Co. Ltd. application for the removal/ variation of conditions 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 25, 28, 29, 36 and 37 of planning permission CH.15/14/780 W at 163 Walford Works, Longford Road,

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Signed: Darryl Evers on behalf of Staffordshire County Council Date: 25 January 2018

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Case Officer - Claire Faulkner Location: Plots 8 & 9, Ridings Park, Hawks Green CH/18/020 - Erection of two industrial units Case Officer - Audrey Lewis

Location: Cedar Tree Hotel, 118, Main Road, Brereton, CH/18/016 - Change of use of the Grade II listed Cedar Tree Hotel to provide 9 no. residential apartments, change of use of the annex to create 2 no. dwellings and development of the hotel car parks to create 16 no. new dwellings. The development will include demolition of an existing squash court (as separate application ref CH/18/011) and demolition of a function room attached to the listed building

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Title bouts added to Gavin fight bill

TWO IBO continental titles will be on the line on the undercard of Frankie Gavin's IBO welterweight world title shot in his home city next month. Top of the BCB Promotions bill on February 23 at Birmingham's Genting

Top of the BCB Promotions bill on February 23 at Birmingham's Genting Arena is Gavin againstBethuel Ushona for the IBO Welterweight crown. Redditch's Andrew Robinson, a former WBO European and British title challenger, takes on Birmingham's Craig Cunningham for the vacant middleweight crown. Meanwhile, former Midland champion Craig Morris of Ludlow will make the first defence of his strap against Leek's Andy Keates. Undefeated Wolverhampton bantamweight Kyle Williams challenges Jordan Turner for the Midlands area title.

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The undercard also features Birmingham's Matt Sen against Wolverhampton's Joshua Burke at cruiserweight, Tipton light heavyweight Ricky Summers, Birmingham super bantamweight Sean Davis, Birmingham super welterweight Mussab Abubaker, West Bromwich light heavyweight Tom Stokes and Coventry's Dilly Singh.

Laura goes for Muir indoor track success

DOUBLE European Indoor champion and five-time British record holder Laura Muir will compete in the 3000m at the SPAR British Athletics In-door Championships in Birmingham next month.

Muir, aged 24, will look to claim her first British title over the distance on February 17, having already clinched two titles at 1500m and one at 800m. She will also be looking to secure her spot on the British team for March's IAAF World Indoor Championships at the same Arena Birmingham venue.

IAAF World Indoor Championships at the same Arena Birmingham venue. Fellow Scots Eilish McColgan and Steph Twell have also accepted their invitations for the event. British Athletics' Major Event Director Cherry Alexander said: "We're delighted to be hosting the SPAR British Athletics Indoor Championships and world trials in Birmingham. With two places up for grabs per event on the British team ahead of the World Indoor Championships competition will be fierce."

The championships are on February 17 and 18 with tickets on sale at www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 3388222.

School lauded for its commitment to sport

A SCHOOL has been praised for its commitment to physical activity with a Youth Sport Trust Silver Quality Mark.

The Quality Mark, awarded to Ormiston Forge Academy Cradley Heath,

is an online self-review tool which provides schools with a nationally recognised badge of excellence for the quality of its PE and school sport.

Dawn Benson, leader of the performance faculty, said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the Silver Quality Mark from the Youth

thrilled to have been awarded the Silver Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible sporting experiences for the young people at our school."

The Youth Sport Trust is a national charity that builds a brighter future for young people through the power of sport. Youth Sports Trust chief executive Alison Oliver said: "Congratulations to Ormiston Forge Academy for achieving the Youth Sport Trust Silver Quality Mark."

Students represent the academy in a number of sports and are also representing Sandwell at the Black Country Championships in badminton.



Youngsters at Ace Academy enjoy the coaching sessions

Sessions are run at venues across Walsall

Former Saddler nurtu Ace new football tale

SPORTING FEATURE

"We now have lots of different age categories and that really helps the players de-

FOOTBALL academy launched by ex-Walsall midfielder Wayne Thomas is inviting youngsters to lace up their boots to kick off the new year.

Ace Academy runs coaching sessions for

youngsters aged between two-and-half and 11

at various locations across Walsall.

Launched two years ago, 120 young footballers currently attend each week and enjoy taking part in

technical training sessions as well as playing games.

Children between the ages of two-and-a-half and four can receive a social introduction to football by joining Mini-Aces.

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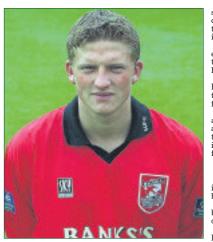
Youngsters aged from five to seven are invited to play with the Little Aces while juniors aged seven plus can team up with the Ace Academy. Alongside the coaching sessions, Ace Academy also runs futsal groups for children aged between seven

and 14 while next season they expect to have seven teams playing grassroots football in the Walsall Junior Youth League.

And Thomas, aged 39, he is delighted with how the

academy is progressing.

"I launched Ace Academy back in 2016 to try and bridge the gap between grassroots football and academy football," said the former Saddler, who played 18 games for the club over a four-year period. "Since



Midfielder Wayne Thomas as a Walsall player

then it's grown a lot quicker than I expected and we

then it's grown a lot quicker than I expected and we now run nine different sessions each week for children of all different ages.

"The aim is to try and cater for everyone." Thomas added. "Children aged from two-and-a-half can join the Mini-Aces which is full of fun games and gives them an introduction into football. But it's more a social thing for them.

"The majority of our kids enrol on an Ace Academy."

"The majority of our kids enrol on an Ace Academy "The majority of our kids enrot on an Ace Academy experience course which sees them attend a training session once a week. They then play games against professional academies.
"We have just agreed that former Walsall midfielder Martin O'Connor, who is a UEFA A Licence coach, will help head that up in the new year. And next sea-

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son we also plan to extend our grassroots arm. We currently have an under-7s team. But we have plans to have seven teams of different age groups competing in the Walsall Junior Youth League.

"Ace actually stands for attitude, confidence and enjoyment. And that's what it's all about, to give these children a chance to enjoy their football and have fim."

these children a chance to enjoy their football and have fun."

Thomas, who also works as commercial manager at his former club Walsall, revealed he decided to start the academy after his eldest two sons were released from professional clubs.

"I've got four boys and one of them was released aged 12 and the other was released aged eight." he added. "I felt there was a lack of quality coaching in the area and I wanted to do something about bridging that gap between grassroots football and academy football.

Pressure

'Academy football at professional football clubs isn't for everyone. It can come with a lot of pressure, both for the players themselves and for their families. "And sometimes it might be better for a young foot-

baller to join an academy when they are a little bit older, rather when they are seven or eight years old. "Since we started in 2016, we have had five lads

leave Ace to join academies at professional clubs. But we have also had a lot of lads turn those clubs down because they are enjoying developing with us. "I coach four evenings a week and absolutely love it, as do all the coaches," he added. "We now have lots

In, as do an the coaches, ne added. We now have not of different age categories and that really helps the players develop,
"If we have got a three-and-a-half-year-old who technically or physically is developing faster than his peers, we can then put him with the under-fives.
"And it's the same if we have an older player, say a six year-old who is a bit shy.

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"He can play with the under-fives to help build his confidence. The important thing is they all enjoy it and and all succeed and thankfully we have got the environment to ensure they can.

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Rio Olympic medallist to call it a day

OLYMPIC medallist Kelly Massey has announced her retirement from athletics.

The 33-year-old, from Wheaton Aston,

was part of the 4x400-metre relay squad that claimed bronze at Rio 2016.

During her career, she also took silor and bronze at the Commonwealth Games and gold at the European Cham-pionships in 2016 – all as part of the 4x400m team. Her individual highlight

was seventh in the 400m at the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

Massey - who has represented Great Britain at elite level for more than a decade - is also Kelly Massey

Kelly Massey

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member of many British squads.

Tributes were paid by several teammates, including fellow runner Jo Pavey and Olympic gold medallist long jumper Greg Rutherford.

Pavey wrote on social media: "Congrats on a fantastic career Kelly. Good luck for the future."

And Rutherford added: "Happy retirement Kelly. You've been an incredible athlete and a major asset to the British team."

Massey – who has a degree in sports science and experience as a secondary school teacher – will now focus on her new business venture, Elite Margins, coaching and mentoring within sport,

Players on the oche for FA Cup of darts qualifying chance

RILEYS Wolverhampton will stage the

RILEYS Wolverhampton will stage the first of two events this weekend offering places at the PDC's 'FA Cup of darts'. Pub chain Rileys Sports Bars are again working alongside the PDC to produce 32 'wildcards' to join 96 of the the latter's professionals at the UK Open in Minehead from March 2-4.

Minehead from March 2-4.
Four will prevail from two tournaments at Rileys Wolverhampton, on Broad Street, with two to be generated from the first competition on Saturday.
Entrants will be whittled down to four semi-finalists, with the two winners taking the UK Open places. The second event is on Sunday February 18.

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Anybody aged 16 or over (on January 1) can compete, but cannot enter on the day. The online cut-off is 48 hours before at www.rileys.co.uk/tournaments.

Applications can be made in person at Rileys until 5pm the previous day. Call 01902 310521. Entry is 27. Dress code is strictly trousers shoes and either a shirt strictly trousers, shoes and either a shirt or polo shirt. PDPA members, cannot enter. Doors open at 10am and players must sign in by midday with the draw at 12.30pm and the action at 1.30pm.

'Cool Hand' up for the fight in title

BLOXWICH boxer Luke Paddock fights for the vacant Midlands Area super lightweight title on March 17.

'Cool Hand' squares up against Kieron McLaren on BCB Promotions' 'On The March' at King's Hall, Stoke-On-Trent.

McLaren is undefeated in his opening 11 bouts since turning professional in 2015. The same year, Paddock defeated McLaren's cousin Josh for the vacant Midlands strap in Burlsem.

Paddock then lost his crown to Andy Keates

and has also suffered defeats to Anthony Upton and Myron Mills for the English and IBF Youth Titles respectively. Victory over McLaren will put him back on track though and BCB's Head of Boxing Errol Johnson said it was a massive fight

Boxing Erroi Jonnson said it was a massive iight for both men.

"This is a cracking fight," he said. "Kieron is undefeated but untested. He's made a great start to life as a professional but this is a big step up as he challenges for a Midlands title.

has suffered a couple of losses, against good opponents, on the way. It's an important fight, for different reasons, for both men so credit to them for taking it."

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The show also features unbeaten Stoke trio Luke Caci, Nathan Heaney and Owen Jobburn plus unbeaten duo Connor Parker of Swadlincote and Macclesfield's Jake Haigh.

Tickets are priced at £35 for standard unreserved tickets or £60 VIP Ringside. They are available by calling the boxer direct or 07734 118041

"Luke has had nearly twice as many fights but 118041. TLE HOPEFU NG HORNET

Burntwood 17 Telford Hornets 15

BURNTWOOD defied the wintry weather and the challenge from table-toppers Telford to clinch a crucial win in the race for promotion from Midlands 3West North.

The game only went ahead after club volunteers swept the lines to remove the morning snow.
Both sides plus match official Jason Powell

agreed to play and the spectators were treated to an enthralling contest which went right down

Telford tested the home side for the opening ten minutes. But Burntwood's first attack after 12 minutes produced instant reward as Neil Holden dived over and Aza Dunet converted.

Action

The advantage was doubled against the meanest defence in the league as Dunet went over and converted his own try. Stung into action, Hornets

hit back strongly with an unconverted try on 29 minutes and the half ended 14-5. Telford reduced the deficit with a penalty goal five minutes into the second half. Burntwood immediately had the opportunity to cancel it out but for once Dunet miscued with his attempt at

Having defended for 10 minutes. Telford edged ahead on the hour mark, a converted try mak-ing it 15-14 in the visitors' favour. The home pack went on a concerted drive to earn a penalty award five minutes later. This time Dunet made no mistake to put his side ahead again.

Telford had a late chance to grab the points but

a penalty at the death drifted wide. Burntwood 2nds entertained Walsall 3rds for a club fixture. An enjoyable romp in the snow saw the visitors win 36-26 with a late try.

This Saturday Burntwood make the short trip to Cannock for a league game – kick off 2.15pm.



Skipper Sean Latham leaves a Telford player in his wake at a snowy Sportsway

Legend tops town hall wrestling bill

THE first ever WWE Royal Rumble winner starred at Dar-laston Town Hall eight days away from the 30th anniversary

of the event.
'Hacksaw' Jim Duggan made the trip across the pond to take top billing on a Pro Wrestling Live card staged by local promoter Matt Powell in Victoria

Road. He teamed with Powell's alter ego – Mad Dog Maxx – to roll over Superstar Carlos and Sergeant Fury via pinfall in front of a near sell-out crowd at

ront of a near sell-out crowd at the Black Country venue. The American wrestling leg-end, from Glens Falls, New York, stayed for a meet and greet, signing autographs and

memorabilia for fans and posing

memorabilia for fans and posing for photos.

The 31st edition of the Royal Rumble is at the Wells Fargo Centre in Philadelphia, Penn-sylvania. Duggan won the first televised Royal Rumble in 1988.

He became a WWE Hall of

Famer and is still signed to the company on a Legends contract.

Black hits a hat-trick in 9-0 triumph

Cannock L3s 9 West Bromwich 0 IN very harsh conditions, Cannock La-dies made light work of West Bromwich.

Lucy Black scored a hat-trick, with a brace apiece for Hannah Cole and Jenna Martin and other goals from Pippa Hawkes and Jude Hitchens. Cole and Becky Bradley were named Joint Play-ers of the Match.

Birmingham Uni 5 Cannock M3s 2

AS the rain turned to snow it was doubtful whether Cannock's trip to second in the league Birmingham Uni would go

But the game began and Birmingham took full control from the off. A free flowing moving led to a free shot at goal

flowing moving led to a free shot at goal into the bottom corner for the opener. Within two minutes the next Birmingham goal came and Cannock never really looked to impose a threat going forward. Birmingham continued their barrage of attacks, another strike from the top

of attacks, another strike from the top of the D saw the ball fly high and as the Cannock keeper got a hand to it, the ball fell spinning over the line.

A penalty corner allowed Aaron Wilkes step up and fire the ball home. Cannock continued their attacks and another penalty corner was awarded and once more Wilkes stepped up to double his fally.

But that was as good as it got for Cannock as Birmingham scored twice more

A very difficult day all round for both sides but the Uni side prevailed with a strong and unrelenting performance

Sponsor plea as Leo eves major contest

A YOUNG martial artist is setting his

sights on a major tournament in March.

Leo Manifold is looking for sponsorship ahead of the Irish Open, one of the

biggest kickboxing contests in the world.
The 12-year-old came away with some brilliant results in 2017, fighting for his club all around the country as well as being picked for the World Organisa-tion Of Martial Arts Athletes (WOMAA)

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He trains with EHMAA in Hednesford coached by his father Simon Manifold and by Emil Herzberg. To sponsor Leo, get in touch via contact@ehmaa.co.uk or call 07875074446. Reference Leo.

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